Exclusive π^0 muoproduction at COMPASS

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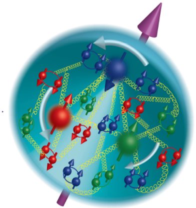
Generalised Parton Distributions

- Proton spin sum rule: $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}\Delta\Sigma + \Delta G + L_q + L_g$

Jaffe&Manohar Nucl. Phys. B337 (1990)



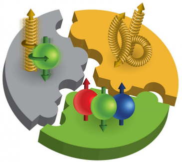
COMPASS experiment in μp DIS: $\Delta\Sigma = 0.32 \pm 0.03$

COMPASS Collaboration: Phys. Lett. B 693 (2010)

COMPASS, RHIC results: $\Delta G = 0.2^{+0.06}_{-0.07}$

de Florian et al.Phys.Rev.Lett. 113 (2014) no.1, 012001

Missing component: $L_{q,g} = ??$ → GPDs provides access



- Generalised Parton Distributions (GPD) give access to the 3D structure of a hadron
- GPDs encode the correlation between the longitudinal momentum of a parton and its position in the transverse plane

$$q^f(x, b_\perp) \xrightarrow{\int \mathrm{d}x} \textbf{Form factors}$$

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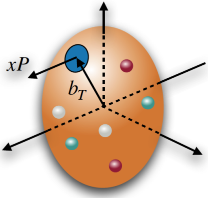

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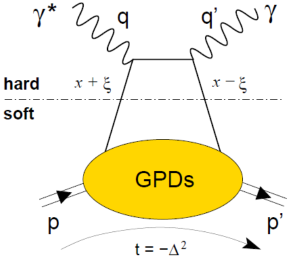

Definition of variables:
q . . . γ^* four-momentum
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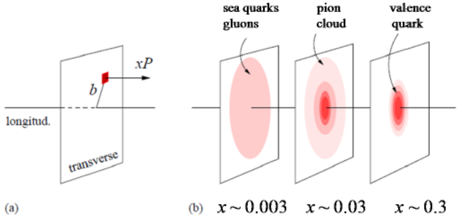
ξ . . . difference of longitudinal-momentum fraction between initial and final parton $\approx x_B/(2 - x_B)$
t . . . four-momentum transfer

- Most commonly used processes for GPDs parametrisation are Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering (DVCS) and Hard Exclusive Meson Production (HEMP)
- DVCS gives access to GPD $H \rightarrow$ 3D imaging of a hadron

$H^q(x, \xi = 0, t) = \rho^q(x, b_\perp)$ (Burkardt 2000, 2003)



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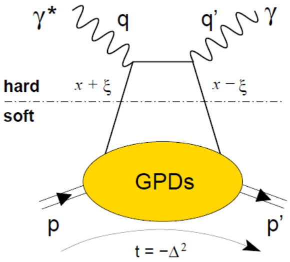

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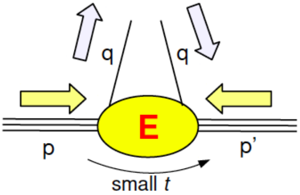
- Vector meson production gives access to GPD E $\rightarrow$ helps constraining the total angular momentum of partons

$$J^f = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{t\to 0} \int_{-1}^{1} \mathrm{d}x\, x[H^f(x,\xi,t) + E^f(x,\xi,t)]$$

Phys. Rev. Lett. 78 (1997)



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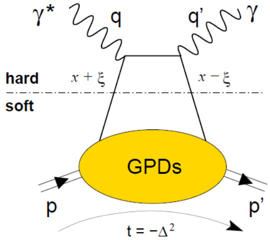

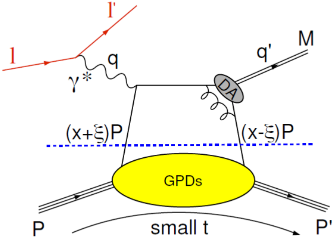

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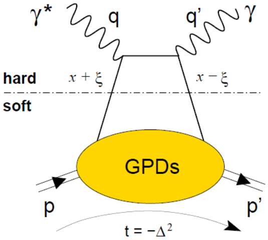

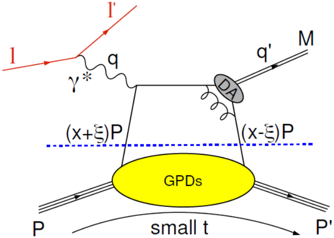

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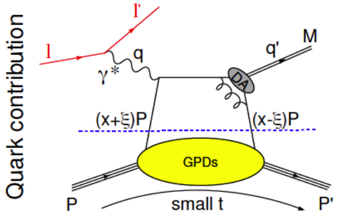

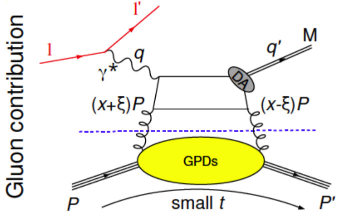

Hard Exclusive Meson Production:

- Flavour separation for specific GPDs due to different partonic content of mesons
- Gluon and quark contributions at the same order in α_s for vector mesons
- DVCS sensitive to H^f, E^f, $\tilde{H}^f$, and $\tilde{E}^f$
- At the leading twist:
  - Vector meson production sensitive to H^f, and E^f
  - Pseudoscalar mesons production is described by GPDs $\tilde{H}^f$, and $\tilde{E}^f$
- Both vector meson and pseudoscalar mesons (as the π_0 presented in this talk) are also sensitive to $\bar{E}^f_T = 2\tilde{H}^f_T + E^f_T$, and H^f_T

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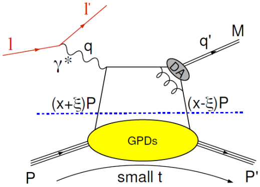

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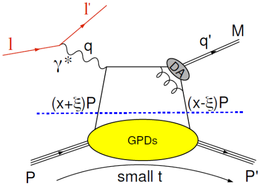

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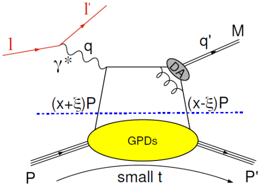

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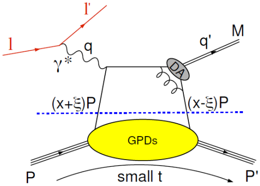

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HEMP cross-section, reduced to γ^*p, for the unpolarised target and polarised lepton beam (relevant for COMPASS 2012, 2016/2017 measurements):

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^2\sigma^{\leftrightarrows}_{\gamma^* p}}{\mathrm{d}t\mathrm{d}\phi} = \frac{1}{2\pi}\left[\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_T}{\mathrm{d}t} + \epsilon\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_L}{\mathrm{d}t} + \epsilon\cos(2\phi)\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_{TT}}{\mathrm{d}t} + \sqrt{\epsilon(1+\epsilon)}\cos\phi\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_{LT}}{\mathrm{d}t}\right.$$

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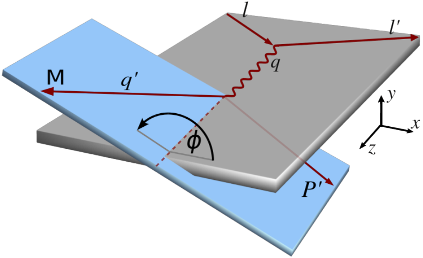

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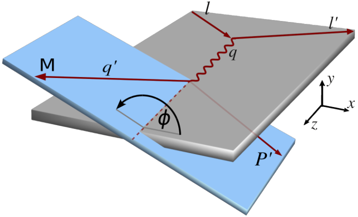

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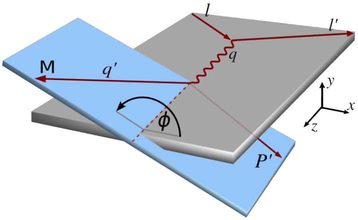

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GPDs in exclusive π^0 production

$$\frac{d\sigma_L}{dt} \propto \left[(1-\xi^2)\,|\langle\tilde{\mathcal{H}}\rangle|^2 - 2\xi^2\,\mathrm{Re}\,(\langle\tilde{\mathcal{H}}\rangle^*\langle\tilde{\mathcal{E}}\rangle) - \frac{t'}{4M^2}\xi^2|\langle\tilde{\mathcal{E}}\rangle|^2\right]$$

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$$\frac{d\sigma_{TT}}{dt} \propto t'|\langle\bar{\mathcal{E}}_T\rangle|^2$$

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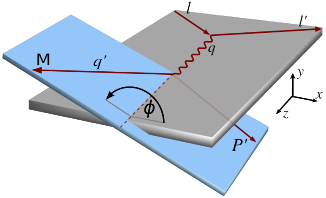
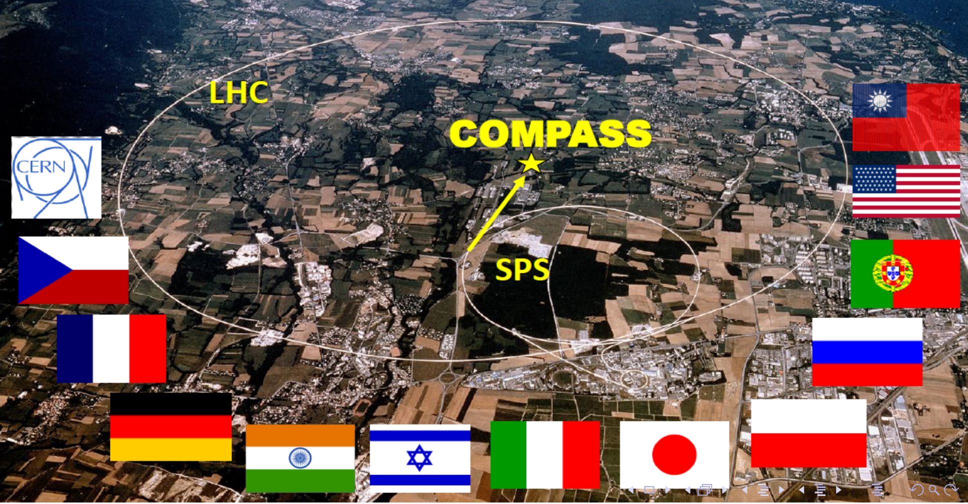


Impact of $\bar{E}_T$ should be visible in $\frac{d\sigma_{TT}}{dt}$, and also a dip at small t of $\frac{d\sigma_T}{dt}$

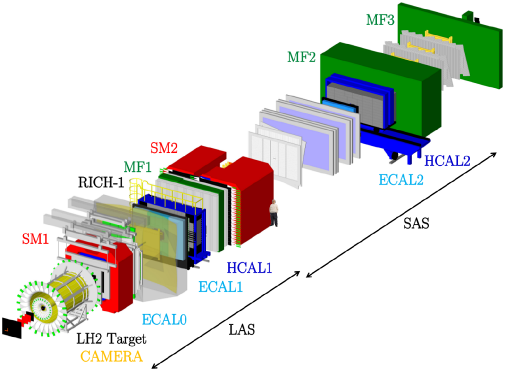
$t' = t - t_{min}$, t_{min} smallest possible momentum transfer

COMPASS: Versatile facility to study QCD with hadron ($\pi^{\pm}$, $K^{\pm}$, p ...) and lepton (polarized $\mu^{\pm}$) beams of ~200 GeV for hadron spectroscopy and hadron structure studies using SIDIS, DY, DVCS, DVMP...



COMPASS GPD program

- Two stage magnetic spectrometer with large angular and momentum acceptance
- Versatile usage: hadron and muon beams
- Particle identification:
  - Ring Imaging Cherenkov (RICH) detector
  - Electromagnetic calorimeters (ECAL0, ECAL1, ECAL2)
  - Hadronic calorimeters (HCAL1, HCAL2)
  - 2 muon walls



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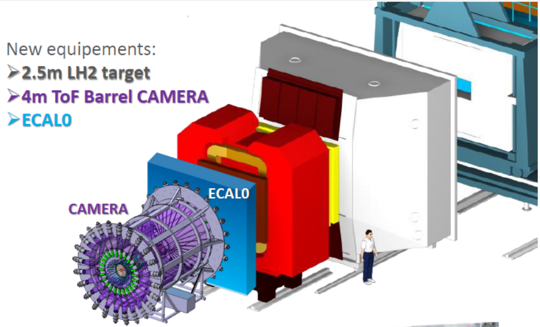
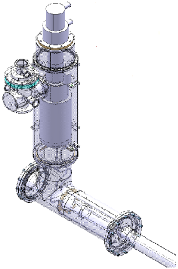
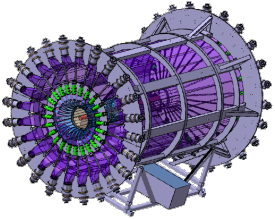
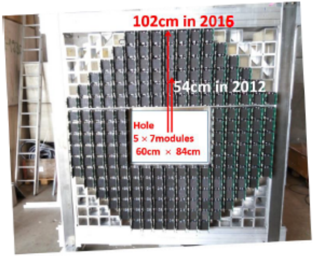
- Target ToF system:
  - 24 inner and outer scintillators
  - 1 GHz readout
  - 310 ps ToF resolution
- ECAL0 calorimeter:
  - shaslyk modules
  - 2 $\times$ 2 m, 2200 channels









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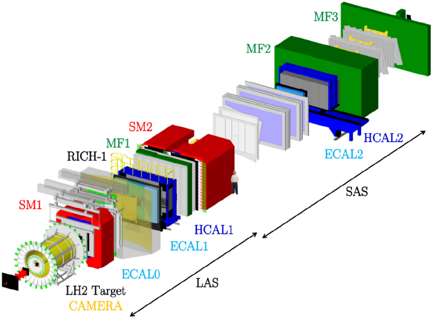

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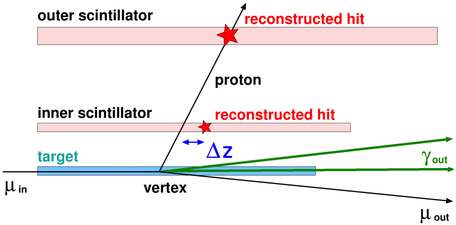

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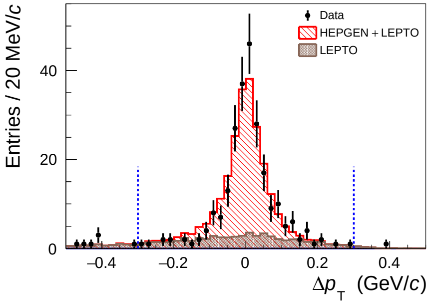

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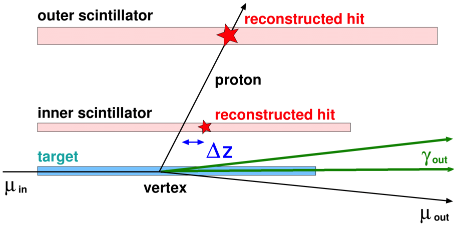

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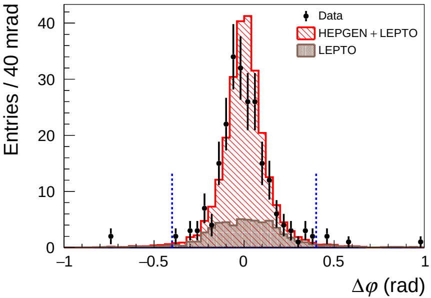

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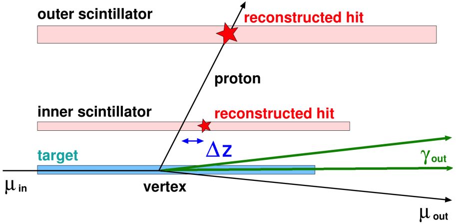

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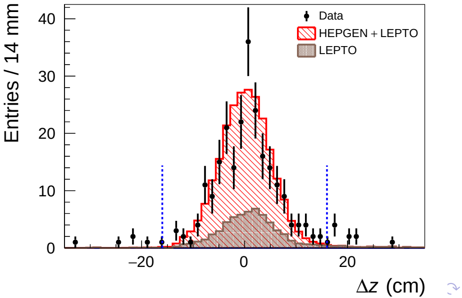

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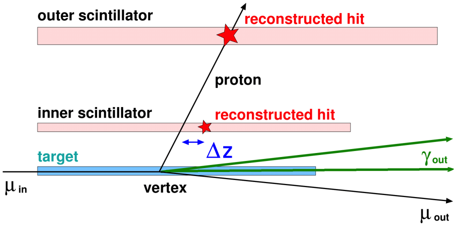

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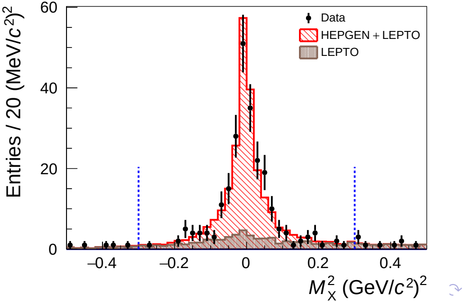

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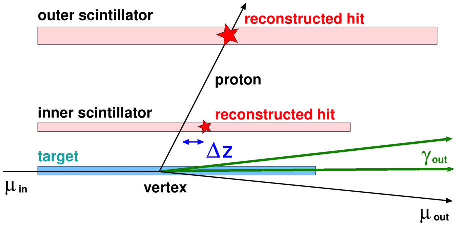
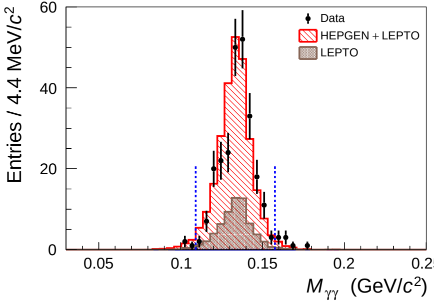
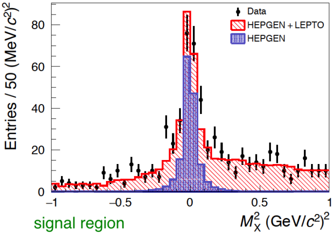
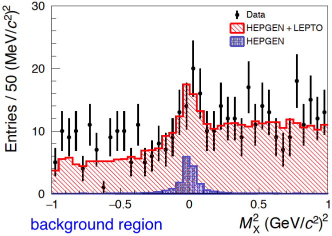




Exclusive π^0 production: SIDIS background estimation

- Main background of π^0 production $\Rightarrow$ non-exclusive DIS processes
- 2 reference samples (wider kinematic range) described by MC:
  - LEPTO for describing the shape of non-exclusive background distribution
  - HEPGEN++ for the shape of distributions of exclusive π^0 production (signal contribution)
- Search for best description of data in signal region and background region





Resulting fraction of non-exclusive background in data: $\left(29^{+2}_{-6}|_{sys}\right)\ \%$

Exclusive π^0 production: COMPASS acceptance

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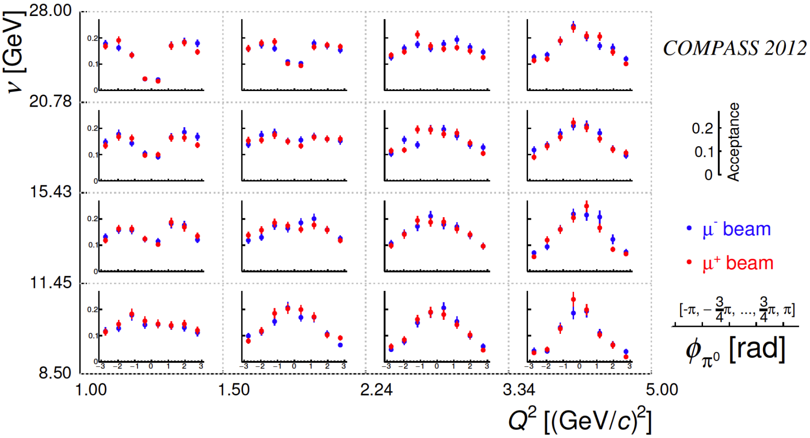

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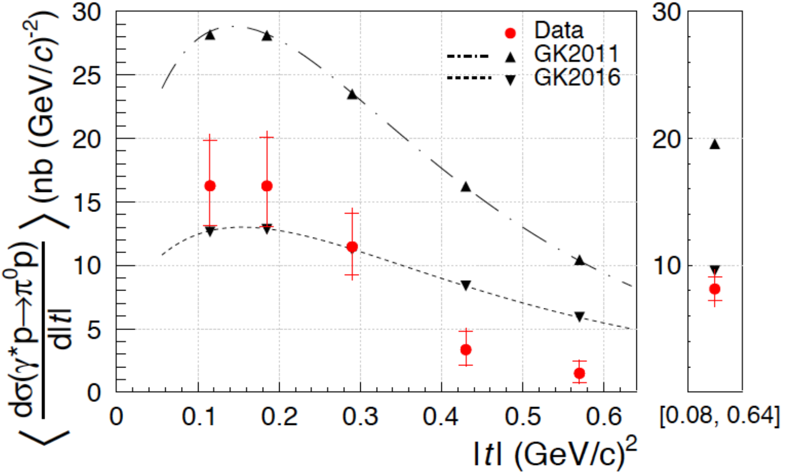

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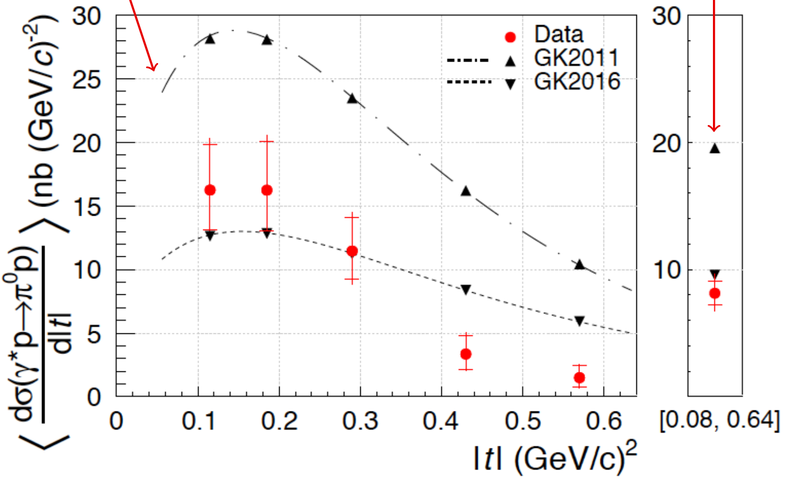
Factor of ~ 2 discrepancy with Goloskokov&Kroll model EPJ A47 (2011) 112



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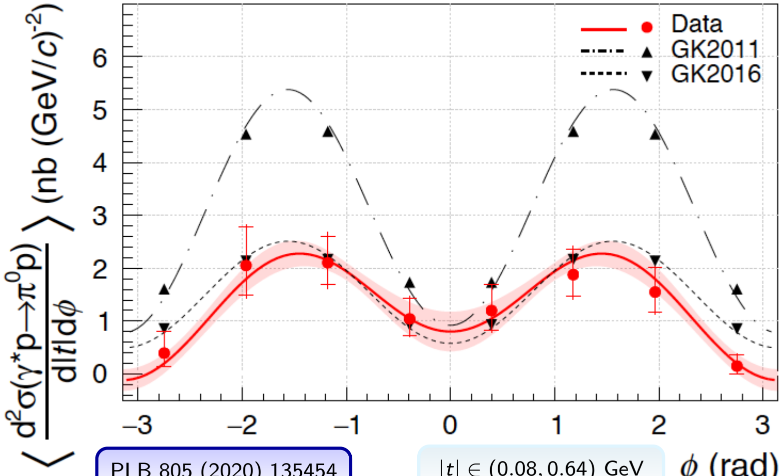

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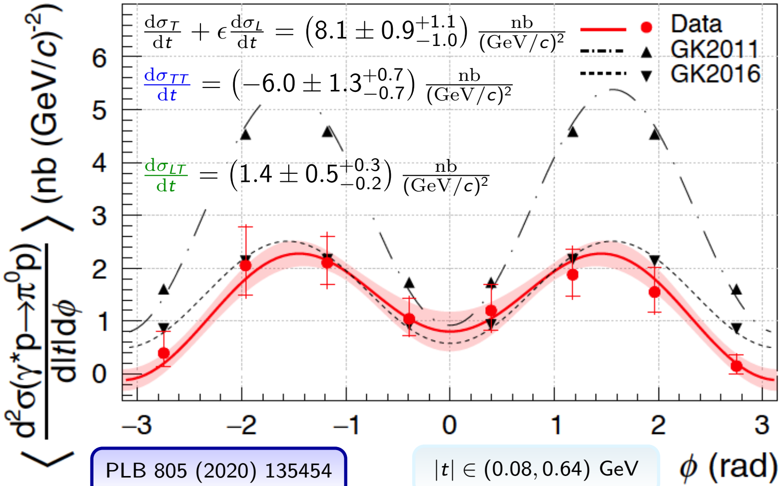

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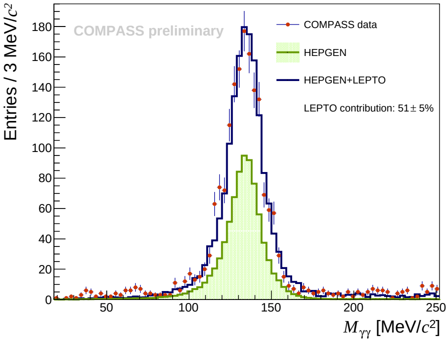

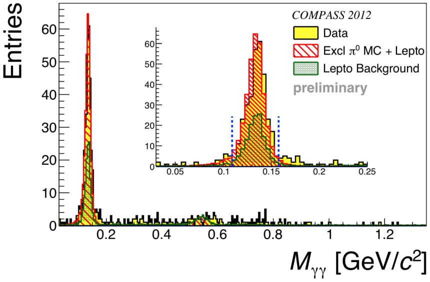

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- Analysis of 2016/17 data is ongoing, currently 2/3 of 2016 data processed
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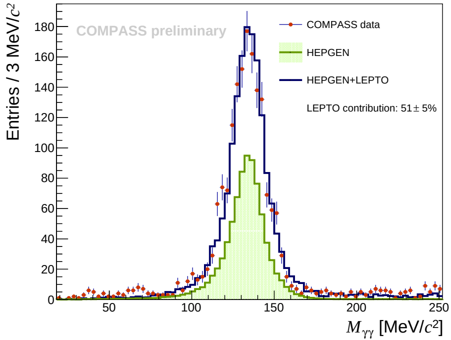

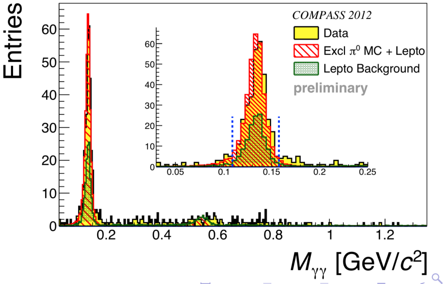

Summary

t-dependence and ϕ-dependence of exclusive π^0 cross-section on unpolarised proton target:

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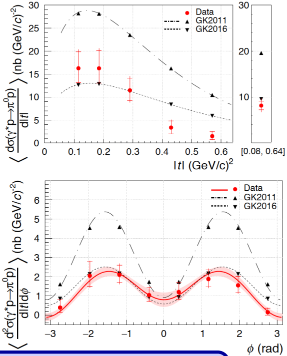

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Thank you for your attention!