

# LIP participation in the C MPASS Experiment

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### Historical introduction



- The COMPASS experiment at CERN had its scientific proposal fully approved in 1998. After a few years for building and installing the spectrometer, in 2001 the first Technical Run took place. The data taking for Physics started in 2002.
- In August 2002, a proposal from LIP (P. Bordalo, S. Ramos and C. Quintans) to join COMPASS, taking the full responsibility of the DCS, was presented to the Group Leaders Board of COMPASS.
- The LIP-COMPASS group was accepted, and LIP members participated in the data taking on the fall of 2002.
- LIP joined COMPASS officially in January 2003 (MoU).

# The COMPASS Experiment at CERN



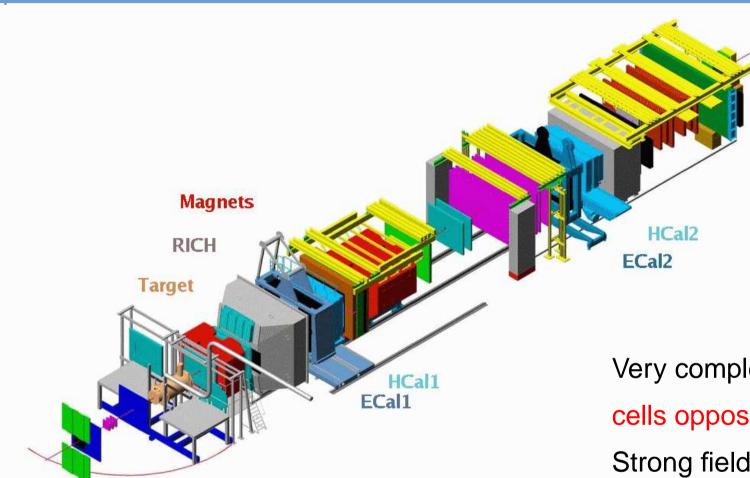
COMPASS: COmmon Muon and Proton Apparatus for Structure and Spectroscopy

- Studies of the nucleon spin structure (2002 2007)
  - with polarized muon beam ( $\mu^+$  at 160 GeV/c,  $\approx$ 80% polarized) and polarized targets ( $^6$ LiD and NH $_3$ )

- Studies of hadron spectroscopy (2008 ...)
  - pilot Run during 4 weeks in 2004
  - with hadron beam ( $\pi^-$ ) and several unpolarized targets (Pb, Cu, C and liquid H<sub>2</sub> in 2008)

## The COMPASS set-up





Very complex solid state target:

cells oppositely polarized.

Strong field and very low temperature keep the nucleons spin frozen.

<sup>6</sup>LiD:  $P_T \approx 50\%$ ,  $f \approx 40\%$ 

NH<sub>3</sub>:  $P_T \approx 90\%$ ,  $f \approx 15\%$ 

# LIP group technical responsibilities



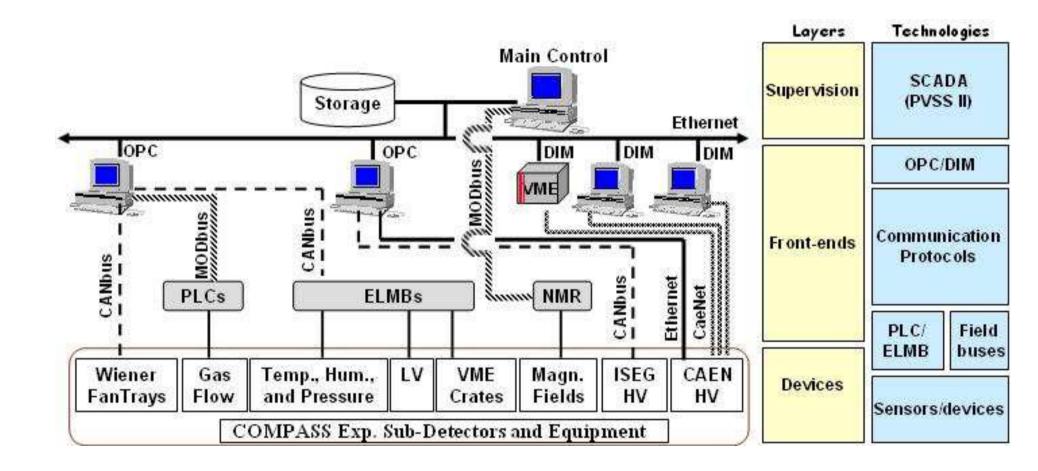
- Full responsibility of the Detector Control System (DCS)
- Participation in the RICH upgrade
- Participation in Monte-Carlo productions
- Studies of track reconstruction algorithms using cellular automate methods

## Technical responsibilities: DCS



- The Detector Control System was revised and redesigned, its scope enlarged and its performance increased.
- It uses software tools adopted by most of the CERN experiments, and some specific, COMPASS-dedicated ones.
- Presently, 2 technical research assistants work full time in the DCS. 3 physicists give support (30% time participation).
- Assistance from the IT/CO group at CERN is provided to the DCS team. Over the last 5 years, the COMPASS-DCS has served as test-bench for control solutions to be used by all LHC experiments.

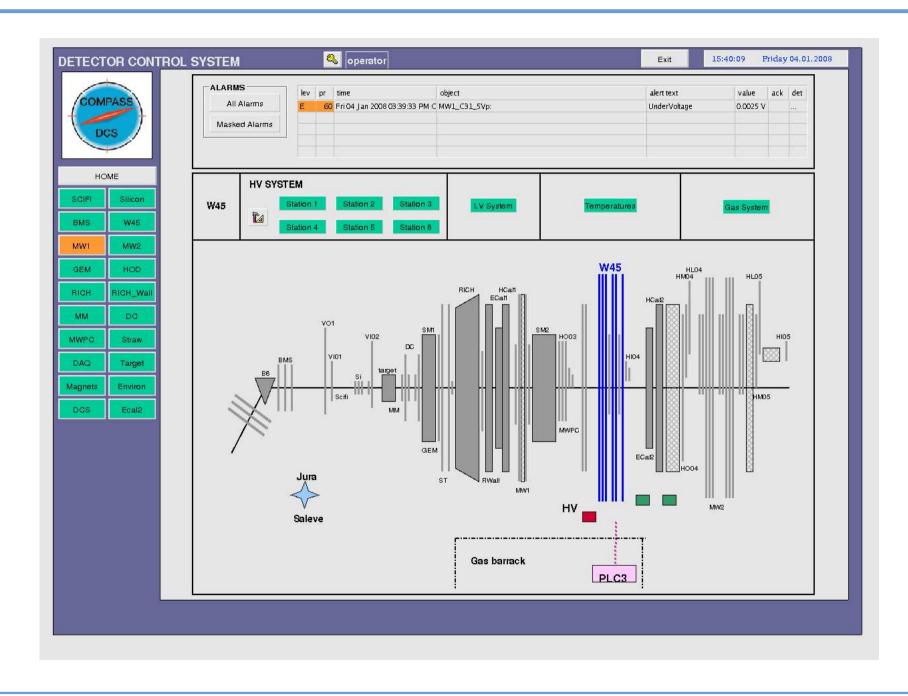




 The DCS is now being adapted for the control of the new detectors present in the 2008 Hadron Run

## The User Interface of the DCS





## DCS group tasks



- Integration of new detectors/equipments in the control system.
- Maintenance and Upgrades of all the software for controls/monitoring.
- Front-ends instrumentation for the interface with the DCS
- Provide permanent support during all the Data Taking period ( $\approx$  6 months Run/year).
- Provide detectors experts with the controlled parameters data, for studies of stability and detectors performance.



The so-called *nucleon's spin puzzle* is a long-standing problem, addressed by COMPASS with its polarized muon deep inelastic scattering measurements.

1988: EMC measured the quarks contribution to the spin of the nucleon to be very small!

• The present value is (at  $Q^2 = 3$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup>):

$$\Delta \Sigma = 0.30 \pm 0.01 (\mathrm{stat}) \pm 0.02 (\mathrm{evol})$$

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The  $\mu$ -deuteron asymmetry is measured from the difference between cross-sections from 2 oppositely polarized target cells:

$$A^{\mu d} = \frac{1}{f P_T P_B} \left( \frac{N^{\leftrightarrows} - N^{\leftrightarrows}}{N^{\leftrightarrows} + N^{\leftrightarrows}} \right)$$

From the measured asymmetries one can conclude that:

- $\Delta u_v + \Delta d_v = 0.40 \pm 0.07 (\mathrm{stat}) \pm 0.05 (\mathrm{syst})$  (for  $Q^2 = 10$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup>).
- Results seem to favor  $\Delta ar{u} = -\Delta ar{d}$  (at  $2\sigma$  CL).

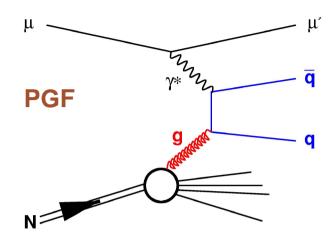
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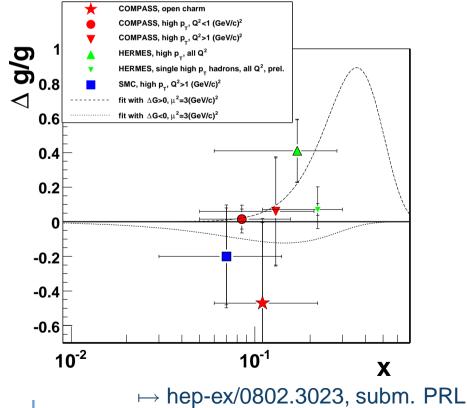
•  $\Delta s + \Delta \bar{s} = -0.08 \pm 0.01 (\mathrm{stat}) \pm 0.02 (\mathrm{syst})$  (for  $Q^2 \to \infty$ ).

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## Gluons polarization in the nucleon







The gluons contribution to the nucleon spin can be extracted by selecting events from the photon-gluon fusion process:

- By selecting pairs of hadrons with high  $p_T$
- By selecting open-charm mesons

 $\approx$  1/3 of the data still to be analysed.

# COMPASS 2008-2010: the Hadron Program

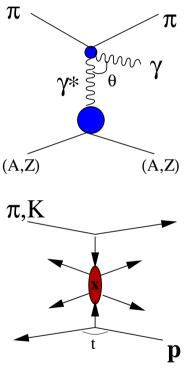


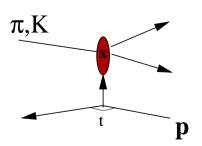
COMPASS will use a  $\pi^-$  (95%)+ $K^-$  (4%) beam, incident in a liquid H<sub>2</sub> target to study:

•  $\pi$  polarizabilities from Primakoff scattering – which constitute a test of chiral perturbation theory.

search for glueballs from central production.

• study of  $J^{PC}$ -exotic mesons from diffractive production.





## Analyses contributions from LIP



- 2 PhD theses being prepared on the extraction of  $\Delta G/G$ :
  - Analysis of 2002 2006 data on high- $p_T$  hadron pairs at  $Q^2 > 1$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup>;
  - Analysis of 2002 2006 data on open-charm production.
- Strong participation in the analysis of inclusive and semi-inclusive asymmetries, for extraction of the quarks spin contribution and flavor separation.
- Participation in the analysis of J/ $\psi$  asymmetries.
- Interest in the analyses of the Hadron Program fi rst steps in the fi eld of partial wave analysis formalism.
- Participation in the Drell-Yan program effort simulations of physics and apparatus.

## The COMPASS future



Ideas for new spin physics studies with an upgraded spectrometer are emerging:

- Generalized Parton Distribution functions (GPDs)
  - $\hookrightarrow$  Using polarized  $\mu$  beam and unpolarized H target, and a recoil proton detector to access  $L_z$  of quarks.
- Polarized Drell-Yan process (DY)

These will soon be formalized in a new physics proposal.

## Some LIP output indicators



- The LIP group is well integrated in COMPASS.
- LIP members participate regularly in COMPASS meetings (18 talks given in 2007; 3 talks given in 2008, up to now).
- LIP members represented the Collaboration in International Conferences: 1 talk in 2005; 2 talks in 2006; 3 talks in 2007.
- LIP members participate in the data taking periods (shift duties; exclusive on-call duties for DCS; data taking week coordination).
- Published papers: 5 in PLB (+1 submitted); 2 in EPJ; 1 in NP B; 2 in NIM A; (+1 submitted PRL).
  14 conference proceedings.

A fruitful cooperation, which we look forward to continue