

Overview of Spin Physics at COMPASS

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COMPASS uses the high energy longitudinally polarized muon beam at CERN SPS and a large polarized solid target which provides longitudinal or transverse polarizations with the goal of studying several aspects of the nucleon spin structure. An overview of the recent results obtained with a ${}^6\text{LiD}$ target will be given. It concerns measurements of longitudinal double spin cross-section asymmetries for the inclusive DIS, for the production of high p_T hadron pairs and D mesons (direct determination of $\Delta G/G$) and for the production of ρ vector mesons, measurements of Collins and Sivers asymmetries with a transversely polarized target, measurements of transverse and longitudinal polarizations for produced Lambda. COMPASS has resumed data taking in 2006 with a substantially upgraded apparatus which will be presented. Future prospects will be discussed.