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Light-Meson Spectroscopy with COMPASS

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COMPASS is a multi-purpose fixed-target experiment at the CERN Super Proton Synchrotron investigating the structure and spectrum of hadrons. One primary goal is the search for new hadronic states, in particular spin-exotic mesons and glueballs. Its large acceptance, high resolution, and high-rate capability make the COMPASS experiment an excellent device to study the spectrum of light mesons in diffractive and central production up to masses of about $2.5 \sim \text{GeV}/c^2$. In addition COMPASS is able to measure final states with charged as well as neutral particles, so that resonances can be studied in many different reactions and decay channels.

After a short pilot run in 2004 with a 190~GeV/c π^- ~beam on a Pb~target, which showed a significant spin-exotic $J^{PC}=1^{-+}$ resonance around 1660~MeV/ c^2 , COMPASS collected large data samples with negative and positive hadron beams on a liquid hydrogen target in 2008 and 2009.

We will give an overview of the results from the pilot-run data and present the status of various ongoing analyses of the 2008/9 data.

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