GPD physics with polarized muon beams at COMPASS

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Summary

A major part of the future COMPASS program is dedicated to the investigation of the nucleon structure through Generalised Parton Distributions (GPD).

COMPASS will measure DVCS and DVMP reactions with a high intensity muon beam of 160 GeV and a 2.5 m-long liquid hydrogen target surrounded by a new TOF system.

The availability of muon beams with high energy and opposite charge and polarization will allow to access the Compton form factor related to the dominant GPD H and to study the x_B -dependence of the t-slope of the pure DVCS cross section and to study nucleon tomography.

Projections on the achievable accuracies and preliminary results of pilot measurements will be presented.

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