

"Elucidating φ meson production from K⁺K⁻ decay channel in pp@4.5 GeV using HADES"

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why Resonance particle?



Different hadron class / Strangeness

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Why is ϕ meson interesting?



Meson	ω	782.7	23.25
Neutral			

 $\Gamma = 8.5 \text{ MeV}$; $\omega \rightarrow 3 \Pi$ (89 %); $\omega \rightarrow e^+e^-$ (7.3 *10⁻⁵)





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Important questions

baryons? Impact for hadronic medium studies \Rightarrow Are ϕ properties modified in the nuclear medium ?

• φ production mechanism in interactions between hadrons with u, d quarks ? Coupling to

How does ϕ contribute to in-medium strangeness and e⁺e⁻ production ?







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From OZI rule,

- Explains the suppression of $\phi \rightarrow 3 \prod w.r.t \ \omega$
- Predicts strong suppression of φ production in hadronic interactions







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Is the enhanced cross section of ϕ related to the strange quark content of the nucleon?

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OZI rule Violation can be explained by

- Meson exchange models + FSI e.g. Titov et al. Eur. Phys. J. A, 7 (2000) 543-557 \bullet
- Or rescattering process, Kaon loops, Locher and Lu Z. Phys. A 351, 83 (1995)



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For this analysis

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pp@4.5 GeV



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Our measurement $\varepsilon = 563$ MeV



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Disto results pp 2.85 GeV (3.67 GeV/c) Balestra et al. PRC63 024004 (2001)

After acceptance corrections, ϕ angular distribution is found to be isotropic It is expected as the measurement is close to threshold, (Q=83 MeV)

In S wave relative to the protons

We are at much higher energy (Q=563 MeV), probably higher partial waves



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- Angular distribution of ϕ meson at T_{lab} = 2.85 GeV and $\varepsilon = 83$ MeV
- Angular distribution is fairly flat
- Only small contribution of nucleonic current is required if the angular distribution drops at forward and backward angles





Motivation: Φ **coupling to baryon resonances**

<u>Φ resonance production via baryon resonance</u>

Mass range around 2 GeV

$pp \rightarrow pB_{\phi} \rightarrow pp\phi$

In this analysis, we would also be exploring this baryon resonance "by investigating ϕ proton invariant mass in the exclusive pp->pp ϕ channel"

Source: Bleicher and Steinheimer J.Phys.G 43 (2016) 1,015104

branching ratio of 2% added to URQMD to describe sub-threshold ϕ -production in heavy ion reactions



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Extraction of spin density matrix elements via K+/K- angular distribution $\checkmark \Phi$ polarisation

 \checkmark additionnal information on production mechanism

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With this motivation, We Proceed Further

Objectives of this work : p(4.5 GeV)+p -> pp\phi[K⁺K⁻]

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We will be using HADES and Forward detector @ GSI to achieve this objectives

The HADES Detector @GSI

HADES collaboration and FAIR @ GSI











The HADES Detector - in detail



Experiments (2004-2022)

- Dense and hot hadronic matter studies: C+C (1 and 2 AGeV), Ar+KCI (1.75 AGeV), Au+Au (1.25 AGeV), Ag+Ag (1.65 AGeV).
- Cold matter studies : p+Nb (3.5 GeV), π^-+C/W (1.7 GeV/c), π^-+CH2/C (0.7 GeV/c).
- Elementary reactions: **p+p** (1.25, 2.2, 3.5 and recently 4.5 GeV), **d+p** (1.25 GeV/nucleon).



The HADES Detector - Particle identification for my work



Beam Proton with Kinetic energy 4.5 GeV made to collide with Target Proton







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$$m = \sqrt{\frac{(1-\beta^2)p^2}{\beta^2}}$$







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This analysis

✓ focuses on both inclusive + exclusive channel ✓ uses both HADES and Forward detector

But this talk

✓ focuses on only <u>Inclusive</u> K+/K- using Energy loss and momentum dependent mass

Analysis details

Data Analysis ~ 15 x 10⁹ events \$Integrated Luminosity = 6.46 pb⁻¹

Methodology

Simulations

<u>PLUTO: event generator developed by the HADES collaboration</u>







Analysis by Rayane Abou Yassine







This analysis



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 ${f \Phi}$ identified via hadronic decay channel:













Reconstructed by invariant mass distribution of daughter particles:



Particle identification

Particle identification: Step-1: Mass vs momentum from Simulation



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Width from the fit vs Momentum: Simulation Vs Data



- Stopped kaons are not seen in data at low momentum and at high momentum, consistent kaons yield are not seen.
- However, kaon yield from data seems to be reasonable w.r.t simulation for 125 < mometum < 1200 MeV

So, Mass cut is restricted for momentum range [150 ,1400] MeV





Particle Identification in HADES : Step:3-> Using K⁺ Width on DATA



 $K^+ = 494 \text{ MeV/c}^2$ (PDG mass)

Particle Identification in HADES : Step:4-> particle from (p,dE/dx) of MDC



- Comparison of Energy loss distribution between data and simulation (PLUTO + Geant)
- Energy loss for proton seems bit lower than the theoretical curve in case of data





Particle Identification in HADES : Kaon from (p,dE/dx) of MDC



Particle Identification in HADES (In Summary)

PID for K⁺ in the analysis

- K⁺ region cut on (p, dE/dx)
- charge > 0
- Mass cut with $\sigma = \pm 2.5$ from simulation

And, PID for K⁻ in the analysis

- Similar to K⁺ (it will not change much)
- Charge < 0





Affect of cuts on selection of K+: Data vs Simulation



- In simulation, with cuts, we have almost no primary pions, only a low yield of secondary pions

Cuts remove approx. the same proportion of pions in sim and data, just you have many more pions in data.



Invariant Mass

Invariant mass Spectra (M_{inv}[K⁺K⁻]): Minimum biased



Fitting function:

Signal: Voigtian function (Convolution of Breit-Wigner and Gaussian function)

$$\left|\frac{\mathrm{d}N}{\mathrm{d}m_{\mathrm{KK}}} = \frac{A\Gamma}{(2\pi)^{3/2}\sigma} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left[-\frac{(m_{\mathrm{KK}}-m')^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] \frac{1}{(m'-M)^2 + \Gamma^2/4}$$

where, A -> Normalisation factor; M-> Mass; σ -> detector resolution

Background: Quadratic polynomial

We observe a very good significance of ~80 <u>And number of Φ produced ~80k</u>



Angular Distribution of Φ meson using PID from (p, dE/dx)-MDC + mass cut

$M_{inv}[K^{+}K^{-}]$) vs cos(θ_{Φ}^{cm}): Data vs Simulation



• Invariant mass in data is more inclined towards negative part

$cos(\theta_{\Phi}^{cm})$ distribution- Simulated events after reconstruction



Using Simulation (PLUTO+Geant),

Following $\cos(\theta_{\Phi}^{cm})$ are used for the current analysis

Cosine intervals: [-1.0,-0.8,-0.6,-0.4,-0.2,0,0.2,0.4,0.6,0.8,1]

• We see that the angular distribution is generated isotropically and strongly distorted after reconstruction

As observed from Simulation, we are restricting this analysis to only negative part of distribution

Differential angular distribution of Φ meson for different Cos (θ_{Φ}^{cm})

Invariant mass [K+K-] under different cosine range: Method



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This is repeated for other $\cos\theta$ intervals and simulation



$cos(\theta_{\Phi}^{cm})$ distribution- after bkg sub. + Normalised by events





Efficiency * Acceptance using PLUTO+ Geant

Efficiency*acceptance vs $cos(\theta_{\Phi}^{cm})$ distribution







Number of reconstructed Φ are obtained by the method described in slide -58

Only negative part is used for correction further





Differential Cross-section Vs $cos(\theta_{\Phi}^{cm})$ distribution





Summary

and production angular distribution

Next Step

- Network,...)
- Analysis of kaon angular distribution in reference frame

Outlook

- angular distribution of kaons) information on production mechanism (OZI rule)
- Complementary to HADES data for $\phi \longrightarrow e^+e^-$ measured simultaneously

• Very preliminary analysis of φ production in pp reaction at 4.5 GeV via K+K- decay (HADES data): signal extraction

• Large pionic background PID selection needs to be improved (add Inner TOF energy loss information, use Neural

• Large ϕ yield \longrightarrow very good perspective for extraction of cross section, angular distribution and polarization (via





Thank you for your kind attention



PLUTO+Geant Particle identification: Step-2: Projection of Mass for diff. momentum range K⁺



Projection of mass spectra within momentum range entum-range: 250.00 < p < 400.00 pp@4.5 GeV Fitting-range: 350.00 - 600.00 ----- PLUTO + Gen (pp->o[K⁺K⁻]) 500ł Mean(K⁺): 494.00 — Gaussian for K⁺ Sigma(K*: 16.80 400 300ŀ 2001 100 600 650 700 Mass * charge MeV/c² 450 500 550 300 350 400



















500

600

400

100

200

300

800

Mass * charge MeV/c²

900

700





PLUTO+Geant Particle identification: Step-2: Projection of Mass for diff. momentum range







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580

420 440 460 480 500 520 540 560 580 Mass * charge MeV/c²











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DATA Invariant mass [K+K-] under different cosine range (dE/dx cut)





-1 < cos(θ) < -0.75



$-0.50 < \cos(\theta) < -0.25$
Invariant mass [K+K-] under different cosine range (dE/dx cut)



$-0.25 < \cos(\theta) < 0$



Invariant mass [K+K-] under different cosine range (dE/dx cut)



$-1 < \cos(\theta) < -0.8$





SImulation

$-0.8 < \cos(\theta) < -0.6$

Invariant mass [K+K-] under different cosine range (dE/dx cut)



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z-vertex vs Missing mass



Missing mass (MeV)