

Dielectron measurement in NN interactions at beam energy 1.25 GeV with HADES

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The main contributions from the early phase of the heavy ion reaction are the Dalitz decay of baryonic resonances (mainly $\Delta(1232)$) and NN Bremsstrahlung. For a better understanding of the contribution of those processes to dielectron production in heavy ion collisions HADES has studied pp and dp interactions at $E_{beam}=1.25$ GeV. In proton-proton reactions the most abundant source above the π^0 Dalitz region is expected to be Δ Dalitz. However, due to off-shell propagation of intermediate vector mesons, higher-lying baryonic resonances can as well contribute to the mass region below the vector-meson pole mass [1]. Furthermore, a strong bremsstrahlung contribution in np interactions has also been predicted [2]. In order to separate Δ Dalitz and np bremsstrahlung we compare the dielectron yield observed in pp with the dp reaction measured at the same beam energy.

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