Dilepton production studied with the HADES Spectrometer

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- dilepton sources
- physics motivation
- dilepton spectra
 - p+p data
 - p+A data
 - A+A data
 - excess yield
 - systematic investigation
- summary



dilepton sources at SIS energy (HI beams of 1-2 A GeV)







Hadronic models

Richer information

- Coupling of mesons to resonances
 - shifts
 - broadening
 - new structures



N*

N-1

ρ

ρ



Mass distributions of the hadrons inside medium:

 $m_{h \to l1(p1)l2(p2)} = \sqrt{(p_1 + p_2)^2}$ $p_1(E_1, \vec{p}_1)$ and $p_2(E_2, \vec{p}_2)$ are four momenta

- hadrons should be short lived (ρ , ω , φ)
- p1,p2 should be undistorted by medium (leptons)

	Mass [MeV]	Cτ [fm]	Γ/Γ_{tot} ->ee
ρ	770	1.3	4.7×10 ⁻⁵
ω	782	23.4	7.07×10 ⁻⁵
Φ	1020	44.4	2.97×10 ⁻⁴

Experimental challenge

- small branching to leptons
- high background



HADES HADES spectrometer

Acceptance •

- φ ~ 2 π
- $15^{\circ} < \theta < 85^{\circ}$
- pair ~ 30% •

Momentum resolution •

- Magnet: 0.1-0.34 Tm •
- MDC: 24 drift chambers
- $\sigma_m \sim 2\%$ at ρ/ω region
- **Particle identification** •
 - RICH
 - Time of flight •
 - Pre-Shower
 - MDC (for hadrons)

Trigger •

- LVL1- charged particle mult.
- LVL2- single electron trigger





Measured reactions

reaction (E _{kin})	year	physics goal
¹² C+ ¹² C (2 A GeV) ¹² C+ ¹² C (1 A GeV) ⁴⁰ Ar+ ^{nat} KCl (1.76 A GeV)	2002 2004 2005	verification of the DLS data, systematic investigation of excess yield, strangeness analysis
p+p (2.2 GeV)	2004	investigation of η meson production, transition form-factors, helicity angles. Investigation of the detector performance by elastic scattering.
p+p (1.25 GeV) d+p (1.25 GeV)	2006 2007	Investigation of NN bremstrahlung and Delta Dalitz decays
p+p (3.5 GeV)	2007	Investigation of vector meson production mechanisms. Study the experimental line shape of the omega meson
p+ ⁹³ Nb (3.5 GeV)	2008	Investigation of in medium modification of the vector mesons





"Cocktail" simulation

- particle production
 - η , ω , ρ via phase space
 - Δ through 1 π exchange
- particle decays
 - form-factors
 - mass dep. Width • Fröhlich et al, arxiv:0708.2382
- cross sections in 4π [mb]
 - π : 16 ± 2.6 (from data)
 - Δ : 7.5 fixed from PYTHIA
 - η: 0.93 ± 0.2 (fit to data)
 - ω : 0.25 ± 0.05 (fit to data)
 - ρ: 0.38 ± 0.07 (fit to data)







A+A reactions

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C+C data at 1 and 2 AGeV



multiplicities in simulation from TAPS measurements Z. Phys. A359 (1997)65

 $F(E) = \frac{Y_{exc}(E) + Y_{\eta}(E)}{Y_{\eta}(E)} \quad \begin{array}{l} \mathsf{F(2.0)} = 1.9 \pm 0.2(\mathsf{stat}) \pm 0.3(\mathsf{sys}) \pm 0.3(\eta \ \mathsf{sys}) \\ \mathsf{F(1.0)} = 6.8 \pm 0.6(\mathsf{stat}) \pm 1.3(\mathsf{sys}) \pm 2.0(\eta \ \mathsf{sys}) \\ \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \mathsf{PRL} \ 98, \ 052302 \ (2008) \\ \mathsf{PLB} \ 663 \ (2008) \ 43-48 \end{array}$





HADES and DLS data agree

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Ar+KCl data at 1.76 GeV



Efficiency-corrected di-electron spectrum normalized to the number of neutral pions

- first ω peak seen at SIS energies
- strong enhancement over hadronic cocktail !





- ∆ DLS data, C+C
- ∆ DLS data, Ca+Ca
- ▲ HADES data C+C
- A HADES data Ar+KCl

 π^0 and η mult. from TAPS data Z. Phys. A359 (1997)65

Excess scales with:



Apart : more than linear



understanding the excess

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- C+C data reproduced (within 20%) by superposition of NN interactions
 Ar+KCI data overshoots the NN data by a factor of ~2.5;
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Experimental observation

no trivial isospin dependence for higher masses in intermediate mass range np data is enhanced by a factor of ~10



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- Meson production in pp reactions at $\rm T_{kin}\,$ = 3.5 GeV is investigated
- For the first time inclusive cross sections for the $\pi^0,\,\eta,\,\omega$ and ρ mesons are reconstructed
- Reference spectra for the p+Nb run at the same beam kinetic energy is obtained
 - $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ no changes in line shape of $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ is observed
- Excess observed in DLS is confirmed by HADS experimentally
- The observed excess scales with energy like pion production and more than linear with Apart
- \cdot The excess in light system (C+C) is reproduced by superposition of NN interactions
- The observed enhancement in DLS data already exists in elementary reactions
- True excess observed in Ar+KCI reactions, probably connected to baryonic resonance propagation in matter



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Not efficiency corrected. Inside HADES acceptance









