

New boundaries for the ppK^- production in $p + p$ collisions

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Abstract content

The ppK^- , a well established state in theory, is a hot candidate for a new kind of hadronic matter. A type of matter where kaons are bound to nucleons. The HADES spectrometer at GSI provides ideal conditions to test the existence of this cluster of particles. HADES has recorded $p + p$ collisions at a beam energy of 3.5 GeV that we have analysed for events where a p , K^+ and Λ were produced in the final state. I will discuss how these three particles are connected to the ppK^- and how we tested the p , K^+ , Λ events for the fingerprints of a possible ppK^- production. In this talk, I will present how a partial wave analysis lead to the establishment of an upper limit of the production cross section of this cluster. We cannot confirm the findings of the DISTO collaboration at a lower beam energy of 2.8 GeV.

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