

Low-energy $K^-^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow \Lambda \text{ p R}$ correlated production studies by AMADEUS

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Abstract content

The measurement of the K^- multi-nucleon absorptions branching ratios and low-energy cross sections in both the Λp and $\Sigma^0\text{p}$ channels are performed by the AMADEUS collaboration, exploiting the low-momentum K^- ($p_K \sim 127 \text{ MeV}/c$) beam produced at the DAΦNE collider. The KLOE 2004-2005 data are analyzed by reconstructing the Λp final state produced by the K^- interactions with the inner wall of the KLOE drift chamber, which is an almost pure carbon target. Such measurements are fundamental to investigate the in-medium modification of the K^- potential, which is attractive in-medium due to the partial restoration of chiral symmetry and whose behaviour in the KbarN subthreshold region is theoretically debated. Possible existence of Kbar -multinucleon bound state, whose properties are related to the controversial $\Lambda(1405)$ nature, is also experimentally debated. In kaon induced reaction the exotic state formation overlaps with the multi-absorption processes over a broad range of phase space rendering their measurements mandatory. In this work the yields of the K^- two and three nucleon absorptions (2NA and 3NA) are measured with unprecedented accuracy. The signal emitted by the intermediate formation of the exotic $K^- \text{pp}$ bound state, decaying through the Λp channel, is also critically investigated.

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