



Strangeness production from rare decays of heavy baryonic resonances and multi-particle interactions

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Hadronic transport models are central approaches to study strangeness production from hadron interactions at low-beam energies.

At these energies, results from ArKCl and pNb collisions sparked interest in the last years, since much higher yields of double-strange hadrons were observed than theoretically expected. Therefore, in this work, a previously suggested mechanism to produce ϕ and Ξ hadrons via rare decays of high mass N^* resonances is explored with the transport approach SMASH[¹]. This mechanism is able to reproduce the available experimental data for ϕ and Ξ with only one free parameter. Predictions for upcoming data for AgAg reactions at $E_{\text{Kin}} = 1.58A$ GeV from HADES will allow to further constrain this approach. The predicted particle yields include complementary strangeness production of the more abundant K and $\Lambda + \Sigma^0$.

The high densities at these lower beam energies allow for multi-particle interaction as another class of reactions, also relevant for the production of (multi-)strange hadrons. Multi-particle reactions have been recently successfully introduced for the employed transport approach SMASH[²]. In this work, the relevance of different multi-particle reactions in nucleus-nucleus collisions is explored. They are found to significantly impact particle abundances. In particular, the relevance of $B\bar{B}$ regeneration reactions is a controversy discussed topic ("proton anomaly"). It is demonstrated that, when including the $5\pi \rightarrow p\bar{p}$ regeneration reaction in the transport calculation, half of the (anti-)proton yield that is lost due to annihilations is recovered at mid-rapidity[³]. By showing such sizable contributions, the findings motivate further exploration of multi-particle interaction in the strangeness sector.

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