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Resonance production and decay in pion induced collisions with HADES

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The main goal of the High Acceptance Di-Electron experiment (HADES) [1] at GSI is the study of hadronic matter in the 1 – 3.5 GeV/nucleon incident energy range. The obtained dilepton spectra measured in nucleon-nucleon, nucleon-nucleus and heavy-ion reactions at various beam energies demonstrate important contributions from baryon resonances decays ($R \rightarrow Ne^+e^-$). The resonance-nucleon electromagnetic transitions are described by respective transition form-factors in time-like region which are predicted by various models to be strongly influenced by the intermediate vector mesons (mainly ρ/ω).

In order to directly access such transitions, HADES has started dedicated pion-nucleon programme. For the first time a combined measurement of hadronic and dielectron final states have been performed in $\pi - N$ reactions at four different pion beam momenta (0.656, 0.69, 0.748 and 0.8 GeV/c) [2]. In this measurement two targets (polyethylene $(C_2H_4)_n$ and carbon C) were used with the aim to subtract events from scattering on carbon and identify pure contribution from scattering on protons. Exclusive channels with one pion (π^-p), two pions ($n\pi^+\pi^-$ and $p\pi^-\pi^0$) and dileptons (ne^+e^-) in the final state were identified. Exclusive channels with two pions in the final state were put to extend studies in the framework of a partial wave analysis (PWA) of the Bonn-Gatchina group [3] together with the world data on pion and photon production. The obtained solution provides the excitation function of two-pion and photon production around the pole of the $N(1520)D_{13}$ resonance with the decomposition into contributing resonances and in particular the intermediate ρ meson. Next, the obtained ρ contribution has been converted into e^+e^- cross section via strict Vector Dominance Model and compared to the measured exclusive ne^+e^- channel to verify the meson contribution in the resonance-nucleon transition. The results of this analysis will be presented.

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