





HGS-HIRe for FAI

#### Reconstruction of the e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> signal in p+Nb collisions at 3.5 GeV

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EMMI mini-Workshop on Vector mesons in cold nuclear matter

# **Outline:**

- General remarks on the measurement
- Reconstruction of e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> pairs
- Comparison of p+p and p+Nb data
  - Kinematical observables
  - Slow and fast vector mesons
- Conclusions and open questions



#### **General remarks**



- Change in line shape: decay inside the medium

- Hadronic models: modification in the spectral function most pronounced for low relative momenta

 $\rightarrow$  good acceptance of low momenta pairs



- in dilepton spectra always contributions from  $\rho$  and  $\omega$  mesons

 $\rightarrow$  how to distinguish between a broad  $\omega$  and a vacuum  $\rho$  contribution?

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Needed precision of measurement: 10%

S/B= 1 accuracy of background estimation 10%

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S/B= 0.01 accuracy of background estimation 0.1%

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## kinematical observable I: p, and Y



- shift to target rapidity and slightly higher transverse momenta

# kinematical observable II: P<sub>ee</sub>



- constant ratio in  $\pi^0$  region
- strong momentum dependence for other regions
- higher values at low momenta: secondary production stronger than absorption?
  Isospin effect important for secondary production?

$$R_{pNb} = \frac{dN/dp^{pNb}}{A_{part}} \cdot dN/dp^{pp}$$

 $A_{part}$  = 2.7 (from Glauber model)

#### Secondary production and isospin effect



In secondary collisions  $\sqrt{s}$  is lower than 3.18GeV, isospin effects might become important. How strong is the contribution of secondary collisions, what is the average  $\sqrt{s}$  of this reactions?



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- two effects:

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#### Thank you for your attention!



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#### p+Nb: kinematic observables I



#### p+Nb: kinematic observables II



Higher yield in low momenta region except for  $\pi^0$  region

# p+Nb: kinematic observables P<sub>ee</sub>









Measured

Momentum transfer

timelike q<sup>2</sup><0 Not measured Energy transfer

 $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0$ 



- Main source:  $\pi^+\pi^- \rightarrow \rho \rightarrow e^+e^-$
- Strength of dilepton yield at low masses is due to coupling to baryons!



 Dalitz decays of baryonic resonances – dominant source at low beam energies.



Figure 6: Radial ( $b=\sqrt{x^2+y^2}$ ) vs. longitudinal coordinate (z) of the  $\omega$  production and decay (left and right panels, respectively). The upper panels show the results for pNb reactions at 3.5 GeV and lower ones for  $\pi Nb$  reactions at 1.17 GeV. The full and dashed half-circles correspond to 10% and 90% of the nuclear density, respectively.



#### Vektormesonen



#### p+Nb cross section

#### p+p normalized to number of elastic pp collisions

Kammerud et al. Phys. Rev. D 4 (1971),

p+Nb normalized to HARP  $\pi^-$  data in p+Cu at 4.15 GeV (p,>0.3 GeV)



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