

Accessing the coupled-channels dynamics with femtoscopy correlations at LHC

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Systems as K - p and baryon-antibaryon ($B\bar{B}$) are both characterised by the presence, already at the production threshold, of strong inelastic channels which can affect the properties and the formation of bound states and resonances. The $\Lambda(1405)$, just below the antikaon-nucleon ($K\bar{K}N$) threshold, arises from the interplay between the $K\bar{K}N$ and the coupled $\Sigma\pi$ channel. This resonance is currently accepted as a molecular state but in order to provide a full description of its nature and properties, experimental constraints on the relative contribution of the $\Sigma\pi$ coupled-channel in the strong $K\bar{K}N$ interaction are needed. Baryon-antibaryon systems are characterised, as well, by the dominant contribution of several mesonic channels related to the presence of annihilation processes acting below 1 fm. Several predictions on possible baryonia states are present, but currently the possible existence of such bound states is still under debate due to a limited amount of data for the p - p system available, and either scarce or absent experimental data for $B\bar{B}$ systems containing strangeness. Recently, the femtoscopy technique, which measures the correlation of particle pairs at low relative momentum, has been used in pp , p -Pb and Pb-Pb collisions at ALICE and provided high precision data on different baryon-baryon pairs indicating a great sensitivity to the underlying strong potential. In femtoscopy, only the final state ($K\bar{K}N$, $B\bar{B}$) is measured and different initial states are allowed. This translates into an extreme sensitivity of the correlation function to the introduction of the different coupled-channels, which affect both shape and magnitude of the femtoscopy signal. In this talk we will present results from pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV, separately for data samples obtained with minimum-bias and high-multiplicity triggers. In particular, we will show results on the K - p correlation function which for the first time provide experimental evidence of the opening of the coupled isospin breaking channel $K\bar{K}n$ and on the $\Sigma\pi$ channel contributions. Finally, results from baryon-antibaryon pairs ($p\bar{p}$, $p\bar{\Lambda}$ and $\Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$) will be shown for the first time. The effect of annihilation channels on the correlation function and a quantitative determination of the inelastic contributions in the three different pairs will be discussed.

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