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CP violation and the CKM matrix

Heavy quark mesons and baryons (incl. lattice calculations)

Experiment: ISTRA+ at U-70 PS, Protvino, Russia

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High statistics study of the K^- decays with the ISTRA+ setup at U-70.

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Abstract

The decays $K^- \to \pi^0 e \nu$; $K^- \to \pi^0 \mu \nu$ have been studied using inflight decays detected with "ISTRA+" setup working at the 25 GeV negative secondary beam of the U-70 PS. About 130K events were used for the analysis of the $K^- \to \pi^0 e \nu$ decay and about 112K for $K^- \to \pi^0 \mu \nu$. The λ_+ and λ_0 slope parameters of the decays vector formfactors $f_+(t)$, $f_0(t)$ have been measured:

 $\lambda_{+} = 0.0321 \pm 0.004(\text{stat}) \pm 0.002(\text{syst})$

 $\lambda_0 = 0.0209 \pm 0.004 \text{(stat)} \pm 0.002 \text{(syst)}; \text{ the correlation } d\lambda_0/d\lambda_+ = -0.46$

The limits on the possible tensor and scalar couplings have been derived:

 $f_T/f_+(0) = -0.021 \pm 0.028 \text{(stat)} \pm 0.014 \text{(theory)};$

 $f_S/f_+(0) = 0.004 \pm 0.005 \text{(stat)} \pm 0.005 \text{(theory)}.$

From the limit for f_S the following constraint can be derived for 2HDM theories:

$$\frac{tg(\beta)}{m_H} = 0.39 \pm 0.2(stat) \pm 0.2(theory)GeV^{-1}$$
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Here m_H is the charged Higgs-boson mass; $tg(\beta) = v_2/v_1$ - the ratio of the vacuum expectation values for 2 Higgs doublets. Our limit is comparable with that from LEP searches for the decay $b \to \tau \nu_\tau$. In addition, we have performed a search for the decay $K^- \to \pi^- \pi^0 P$, P being pseudoscalar Sgoldstino. Our limit is $Br(K^- \to \pi^- \pi^0 P < 10^{-5}$, for the P mass in the region $0 < m_P < 130$ MeV.

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