

QCD tests at NA48

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The NA48/2 experiment was originally constructed to measure CP violation in charged kaon sector, using simultaneous positive and negative kaon beams. Several charged kaon decay modes have been collected during two years of data taking. The kaon system is a unique laboratory in which study the dynamics of the QCD in low energy regime, with high statistics and precision. The $\pi\pi$ scattering close the threshold has been studied with unprecedented statistics, using more than one million $K^{+-} \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- e^+ \nu$ (Ke_4) and the cusp structure in more than 60 million $K^{+-} \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$. The S-wave scattering lengths a_0 and a_2 have been measured independently in these two modes allowing accurate tests of Chiral Perturbation Theory.

We also report on the measurement of the branching fraction of the decay $K^{+-} \rightarrow \pi^+ \gamma \gamma$ using more than 1000 reconstructed decays from the 2003 NA48/2 data set. The data statistics are about a factor of 30 larger than for any previous measurement. The spectrum of invariant $\gamma \gamma$ mass shows the expected behaviour, being compatible with a decay parameter c^2 of the order of 2.

In addition we report on the first measurement of the related decay $K^{+-} \rightarrow \pi^+ e^+ e^- \gamma$ (with internal γ conversion) branching fraction and the decay distribution, using 120 reconstructed $K^{+-} \rightarrow \pi^+ e^+ e^- \gamma$ events from the complete NA48/2 data set.

Both measurements are in good agreement with the theoretical expectations from Chiral Perturbation Theory.

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