

New precise measurements of radiative charged kaon and hyperon decays

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The NA48/2-Experiment at the CERN SPS has recorded more than 2 billion charged kaon decays. From a sub-sample of this data set we have selected about 2×10^5 practically background free events of the decay $K^{+-} \rightarrow \pi^{+-} \pi^0 \gamma$, which is an order of magnitude more than from any previous experiment. The decay $K^{+-} \rightarrow \pi^{+-} \pi^0 \gamma$ is dominated by Inner Bremsstrahlung (IB) of the $K^{+-} \rightarrow \pi^{+-} \pi^0$ decay, but also exhibits a contribution of Direct Emission (DE), which is of high theoretical interest, as well as the interference between both amplitudes. We present a precise measurement of both the DE amplitude and the interference between IB and DE. In addition, using the full data set, we have made the first observation of the very rare decay $K^{+-} \rightarrow \pi^{+-} \gamma e^+ e^-$, which has large contributions from higher order pion loops. We have measured the branching fraction and the form factor of this decay. Finally, from 2002 data set the weak radiative decay $\Xi^0 \rightarrow \Lambda e^+ e^-$ has been detected for the first time. From 412 candidates in the signal region, with an estimated background of 15 events, the branching ratio is measured and is consistent with an internal bremsstrahlung process. The decay asymmetry parameter is also determined, consistent with that of $\Xi^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma$ which has been measured as well.

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