

FCNC $q \to q' \nu \nu$ Distributions and NA62 Interpretations

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- **Observables:** Flavour-changing neutral currents (FCNCs)



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FCNCs are strongly suppressed within the SM

Why? FCNCs are forbidden at tree-level → loop-suppression
Glashow-Iliopoulos-Maiani mechanism → cancellation of the different quark-loops

The FCNCs $K^+ \to \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ and $K_L \to \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$

- small branching ratio opens up sensitivity to indirect NP effects
- good control over hadronic uncertainties via related decays
- dedicated searches for K^+ and K_L promise new experimental input in not-so-far future

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{B}r(K^+ \to \pi^+ \bar{\nu} \nu)|_{SM} &= (7,73 \pm 0,61) \cdot 10^{-11} \\ \mathcal{B}r(K_L \to \pi^0 \bar{\nu} \nu)|_{SM} &= (2,59 \pm 0,28) \cdot 10^{-11} \text{[Stamou]} \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{B}r(K^+ \to \pi^+ \bar{\nu} \nu) &= 1, 14^{+0.64}_{-0.33} \cdot 10^{-10} \\ \mathcal{B}r(K_L \to \pi^0 \bar{\nu} \nu) < 4, 9 \cdot 10^{-10} @90\,\% \text{CL[PDG]} \end{split}$$



Low-Energy-Effective-Field-Theory at Dimension Six

[Gorbahn et al., 2024]

$$\mathcal{L}^{(6)}_{s \rightarrow d \nu \nu} = \sum_{f,I,\tau} C^{I,\tau}_f O^{I,\tau}_f (+ \mathrm{h.c.})$$

→ operators written in terms of Majorana or Dirac neutrino fields with arbitrary masses

Dirac

$$\begin{split} O^{V,L/R\,L/R}_{ijsd} &= (\bar{\nu}_{Di}\gamma_{\mu}P_{L/R}\nu_{Dj})(\bar{d}\gamma^{\mu}P_{L/R}s)\\ O^{S,L\,L/R}_{ijsd} &= (\bar{\nu}_{Di}P_{L}\nu_{Dj})(\bar{d}P_{L/R}s)\\ O^{T,LL}_{ijsd} &= (\bar{\nu}_{Di}\sigma_{\mu\nu}P_{L}\nu_{Dj})(\bar{d}\sigma^{\mu\nu}P_{L}s) \end{split}$$

⇒ 90 in dependent complex Wilson coefficients Majorana

$$\begin{array}{l} O_{ijsd}^{V(A),L\!/\!R} = \frac{1}{2} (\bar{\nu}_{Mi} \gamma_{\mu}(\gamma_{5}) \nu_{Mj}) (\bar{d} \gamma^{\mu} P_{L\!/\!R} s) \\ O_{ijsd}^{S(P),L} = \frac{1}{2} (\bar{\nu}_{Mi}(i\gamma_{5}) \nu_{Mj}) (\bar{d} P_{L} s) \\ O_{ijsd}^{T,L} = \frac{1}{2} (\bar{\nu}_{Mi} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \nu_{Mj}) (\bar{d} \sigma^{\mu\nu} P_{L} s) \end{array}$$

⇒ 48 in dependent complex Wilson coefficients



NA62 measurement of $K^+ \to \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$



- categories include old (2016,2017) and new momentum binned data (S1,S2)
- first sensitivity to kinematic distributions
- ⇒ new input to constrain NP tensor and scalar interactions

[Cortina Gil, 2021]



Results: NP Sensitivities and Correlations

SM Diracs plus one NP operator \rightarrow probing scales of $\mathcal{O}(100\,{\rm TeV})$





Results: Sensitivities to Massive Sterile Neutrinos

SM Majoranas plus one massive 4th neutrino ightarrow probing scales of $\mathcal{O}(100\,{\rm TeV})$

- considering masses within the kinematically allowed region
- final states with one (solid) or two (dashed) 4th neutrinos





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Outlook

- $\hfill\blacksquare$ looking into similar studies of the K_L mode
- \blacksquare SMEFT or specific UV models \rightarrow correlations between different operators



Backup: q^2 dependent uncertainties



Backup: Differential distributions of 3 massless neutrinos



Backup: Differential distributions of 3 massless Majorana neutrinos <u>plus</u> one massive 4th-generation Majorana neutrino $m_{\nu,4}=50\,{\rm MeV}$





Backup: Dirac Correlations





Backup: Majorana Correlations

