Precision tests of CPT symmetry and Quantum coherence with entangled neutral K mesons in the search for Quantum Gravity effects



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The neutral kaon system: introduction

The time evolution of a two-component state vector $|\Psi\rangle = a|K^0\rangle + b|\overline{K}^0\rangle$ in the $\{K^0, \overline{K}^0\}$ space is given by (Wigner-Weisskopf approximation): $i\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\Psi(t) = \mathbf{H}\Psi(t)$

H is the effective hamiltonian (non-hermitian), decomposed into a Hermitian part (mass matrix **M**) and an anti-Hermitian part (i/2 decay matrix Γ):

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{M} - \frac{i}{2} \Gamma = \begin{pmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} \end{pmatrix} - \frac{i}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_{11} & \Gamma_{12} \\ \Gamma_{21} & \Gamma_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

Diagonalizing the effective Hamiltonian:

eigenstates: physical states

CPT violation: standard picture

CP violation:

 $\varepsilon_{S,L} = \varepsilon \pm \delta$

T violation:

$$\varepsilon = \frac{H_{12} - H_{21}}{2(\lambda_s - \lambda_L)} = \frac{-i\Im M_{12} - \Im \Gamma_{12}/2}{\Delta m + i\Delta\Gamma/2}$$

CPT violation:

$$\delta = \frac{H_{11} - H_{22}}{2(\lambda_s - \lambda_L)} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\left(m_{\overline{K}^0} - m_{\overline{K}^0}\right) - (i/2)\left(\Gamma_{\overline{K}^0} - \Gamma_{\overline{K}^0}\right)}{\Delta m + i\Delta\Gamma/2}$$

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Entangled neutral kaon pairs

Neutral kaons at a **\$\$**-factory

Production of the vector meson ϕ in e⁺e⁻ annihilations:

- $e^+e^- \rightarrow \phi \quad \sigma_{\phi} \sim 3 \ \mu b$ W = $m_{\phi} = 1019.4 \ MeV$
- BR($\phi \rightarrow K^0 \overline{K}^0$) ~ 34%

 $p_{\rm K} = 110 {\rm ~MeV/c}$

• ~10⁶ neutral kaon pairs per pb⁻¹ produced in an antisymmetric quantum state with $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$:

 $\lambda_{\rm S} = 6 \, \rm{mm}$ $\lambda_{\rm L} = 3.5 \, \rm{m}$

$$e^+$$
 $e^ K_{S,L}$ $e^ K_{L,S}$

$$\begin{split} \left| i \right\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Big[\left| K^{0}(\vec{p}) \right\rangle \left| \overline{K}^{0}(-\vec{p}) \right\rangle - \left| \overline{K}^{0}(\vec{p}) \right\rangle \left| K^{0}(-\vec{p}) \right\rangle \Big] \\ &= \frac{N}{\sqrt{2}} \Big[\left| K_{s}(\vec{p}) \right\rangle \left| K_{L}(-\vec{p}) \right\rangle - \left| K_{L}(\vec{p}) \right\rangle \left| K_{s}(-\vec{p}) \right\rangle \Big] \\ &= \sqrt{\left(1 + \left| \varepsilon_{s} \right|^{2} \right) \left(1 + \left| \varepsilon_{L} \right|^{2} \right)} \left/ \left(1 - \varepsilon_{s} \varepsilon_{L} \right) \approx 1 \end{split}$$

The KLOE detector at the Frascati ϕ -factory DA Φ NE



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Integrated luminosity (KLOE)



KLOE detector



Lead/scintillating fiber calorimeter drift chamber 4 m diameter × 3.3 m length helium based gas mixture

Test of Quantum Coherence





Same final state for both kaons: $f_1 = f_2 = \pi^+\pi^-$ (this specific channel is suppressed by CP viol. $|\eta_{+-}|^2 = |A(K_L - >\pi^+\pi^-)/A(K_S - >\pi^+\pi^-)|^2 \sim |\varepsilon|^2 \sim 10^{-6})$





$$\left|i\right\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\left|K^{0}\right\rangle\right| \overline{K}^{0} \left\rangle - \left|\overline{K}^{0}\right\rangle\right| K^{0} \right\rangle\right]$$

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- Analysed data: L=1.5 fb⁻¹
- Fit including Δt resolution and efficiency effects + regeneration



Cinelli et al.

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Search for decoherence and CPT violation effects

Decoherence and CPT violation



Possible decoherence due quantum gravity effects (BH evaporation) (apparent loss of unitarity): **Black hole information loss paradox** => Possible decoherence near a black hole.

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("like candy rolling on the tongue" by J. Wheeler)

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In presence of decoherence and CPT violation induced by quantum gravity (CPT operator "ill-defined") the definition of the particle-antiparticle states could be modified. This in turn could induce a breakdown of the correlations imposed by Bose statistics (EPR correlations) to the kaon state:

[Bernabeu, et al. PRL 92 (2004) 131601, NPB744 (2006) 180].

I(π⁺π⁻, π⁺π⁻;Δt) (a.u.)

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In some microscopic models of space-time foam arising from non-critical string theory: [Bernabeu, Mavromatos, Sarkar PRD 74 (2006) 045014] $|\omega| \sim 10^{-4} \div 10^{-5}$

The maximum sensitivity to ω is expected for $f_1=f_2=\pi^+\pi^-$ All CPTV effects induced by QG ($\alpha,\beta,\gamma,\omega$) could be simultaneously disentangled.

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CPT symmetry and Lorentz invariance test

CPT and Lorentz invariance violation (SME)

CPT theorem :

Exact CPT invariance holds for any quantum field theory which assumes:

(1) Lorentz invariance (2) Locality (3) Unitarity (i.e. conservation of probability).

• "Anti-CPT theorem" (Greenberger 2002):

Any unitary, local, point-particle quantum field theory that violates CPT invariance necessarily violates Lorentz invariance.

 Kostelecky et al. developed a phenomenological effective model providing a framework for CPT and Lorentz violations, based on spontaneous breaking of CPT and Lorentz symmetry, which might happen in quantum gravity (e.g. in some models of string theory)
 Standard Model Extension (SME) [Kostelecky PRD61, 016002, PRD64, 076001]

CPT violation in neutral kaons according to SME:

- At first order CPTV appears only in mixing parameter δ (no direct CPTV in decay)
- δ cannot be a constant (momentum dependence)

$$\varepsilon_{S,L} = \varepsilon \pm \delta$$
 $\delta = i \sin \phi_{SW} e^{i\phi_{SW}} \gamma_K \left(\Delta a_0 - \vec{\beta}_K \cdot \Delta \vec{a} \right) / \Delta m$

where $\Delta a_{\mu} = a_{\mu}^{q^2} - a_{\mu}^{q^1}$ are four parameters associated to SME lagrangian terms $-a_{\mu}\overline{q}\gamma^{\mu}q$ for the valence quarks and related to CPT and Lorentz violation.

Search for CPTV and LV: results



B meson system: $\Delta a^{B}_{//,X,Y} \sim O(10^{-15} \text{ GeV}) \Delta a^{B}_{perp} \sim O(10^{-13} \text{ GeV}) [LHCb PRL116 (2016) 241601]$ D meson system: $\Delta a^{D}_{x,y}$, ($\Delta a^{D}_{0} - 0.6 \Delta a^{D}_{Z}$) ~O(10^{-13} \text{ GeV}) [Focus PLB 556 (2003) 7]

Next Future perspectives

KLOE-2 at upgraded DAΦNE

$DA\Phi NE$ upgraded in luminosity:

 For the very first time the "crab-waist" concept – an interaction scheme, developed in Frascati, where the transverse dimensions of the beams and their crossing angle are tuned to maximize the machine luminosity – has been applied in presence of a high-field detector solenoid.

KLOE-2 experiment:

- extend the KLOE physics program at DAΦNE upgraded in luminosity
- Collect L>5 fb⁻¹ of integrated luminosity in the next couple of years

Physics program (see EPJC 68 (2010) 619-681)

- Neutral kaon interferometry, CPT symmetry & QM tests
- Kaon physics, CKM, LFV, rare K_{S} decays
- η,η' physics
- Light scalars, γγ physics
- Hadron cross section at low energy, a_{μ}
- Dark forces: search for light U boson

Detector upgrade:

- γγ tagging system
- inner tracker
- small angle and quad calorimeters
- FEE maintenance and upgrade
- Computing and networking update
- etc.. (Trigger, software, ...)

Inner tracker at KLOE-2



KLOE-2 data taking in progress



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Prospects for KLOE-2

Param.	Present best published	KLOE-2 (IT)	KLOE-2 (IT)
	measurement	L=5 fb ⁻¹ (stat.)	L=10 fb ⁻¹ (stat.)
A _S	$(1.5 \pm 11) \times 10^{-3}$	$\pm 2.7 \times 10^{-3}$	$\pm 1.9 \times 10^{-3}$
ζ <u>00</u>	$(0.1 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-6}$	$\pm 0.26 \times 10^{-6}$	$\pm 0.18 \times 10^{-6}$
ζ _{SL}	$(0.3 \pm 1.9) \times 10^{-2}$	$\pm 0.49 \times 10^{-2}$	$\pm 0.35 \times 10^{-2}$
α	(-0.5 ± 2.8) × 10 ⁻¹⁷ GeV	± 5.0 × 10 ⁻¹⁷ GeV	± 3.5 × 10 ⁻¹⁷ GeV
β	$(2.5 \pm 2.3) \times 10^{-19} \text{ GeV}$	± 0.50 × 10 ⁻¹⁹ GeV	± 0.35 × 10 ⁻¹⁹ GeV
γ	$(1.1 \pm 2.5) \times 10^{-21} \text{ GeV}$	± 0.75 × 10 ⁻²¹ GeV	± 0.53 × 10 ⁻²¹ GeV
	compl. pos. hyp.	compl. pos. hyp.	compl. pos. hyp.
	$(0.7 \pm 1.2) \times 10^{-21} \text{ GeV}$	± 0.33 × 10 ⁻²¹ GeV	$\pm 0.23 \times 10^{-21} \text{ GeV}$
Re(w)	$(-1.6 \pm 2.6) \times 10^{-4}$	$\pm 0.70 \times 10^{-4}$	$\pm 0.49 \times 10^{-4}$
Im(ω)	$(-1.7 \pm 3.4) \times 10^{-4}$	$\pm 0.86 \times 10^{-4}$	± 0.61 × 10 ⁻⁴
Δa_0	(-6.0 ± 8.3) × 10 ⁻¹⁸ GeV	± 2.2 × 10 ⁻¹⁸ GeV	± 1.6 × 10 ⁻¹⁸ GeV
Δaz	$(3.1 \pm 1.8) \times 10^{-18} \text{ GeV}$	± 0.50 × 10 ⁻¹⁸ GeV	$\pm 0.35 \times 10^{-18} \text{ GeV}$
Δa _X	$(0.9 \pm 1.6) \times 10^{-18} \text{ GeV}$	$\pm 0.44 \times 10^{-18} \text{ GeV}$	± 0.31 × 10 ⁻¹⁸ GeV
Δa _Y	$(-2.0 \pm 1.6) \times 10^{-18} \text{ GeV}$	± 0.44 × 10 ⁻¹⁸ GeV	± 0.31 × 10 ⁻¹⁸ GeV

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Conclusions

- The entangled neutral kaon system at a ϕ -factory is an excellent laboratory for the study of CPT symmetry, and the basic principles of Quantum Mechanics;
- Several parameters related to possible
 - •CPT violation
 - Decoherence
 - Decoherence and CPT violation
 - •CPT violation and Lorentz symmetry breaking

have been measured at KLOE, in same cases with a precision reaching the interesting **Planck's scale region** (thanks to very **peculiar amplification mechanisms** in the K system).

- •All results are consistent with no CPT symmetry violation and no decoherence
- •Neutral kaon interferometry, CPT symmetry and QM tests are one of the main issues of the **KLOE-2** physics program.
- The precision of several tests could be improved by about one order of magnitude, possibly revealing such kind of effects or further pushing their experimental limits.
- In addition: implementation of a newly proposed CPT test in transitions exploiting entanglement [A.D.D., J. Bernabeu, JHEP 10 (2015) 139] (not discussed here).