


 $I(J^P) = \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}^+)$  Status: \*\*\*\*

The parity has not actually been measured, but + is of course expected.

## $\Xi^0$ MASS

The fit uses the  $\Xi^0$ ,  $\Xi^-$ , and  $\Xi^+$  masses and the  $\Xi^- - \Xi^0$  mass difference. It assumes that the  $\Xi^-$  and  $\Xi^+$  masses are the same.

VALUE (MeV)	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
<b>1314.86±0.20 OUR FIT</b>				
<b>1314.82±0.06±0.20</b>	3120	FANTI	00	NA48 $p$ Be, 450 GeV
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •				
1315.2 ± 0.92	49	WILQUET	72	HLBC
1313.4 ± 1.8	1	PALMER	68	HBC

## $m_{\Xi^-} - m_{\Xi^0}$

The fit uses the  $\Xi^0$ ,  $\Xi^-$ , and  $\Xi^+$  masses and the  $\Xi^- - \Xi^0$  mass difference. It assumes that the  $\Xi^-$  and  $\Xi^+$  masses are the same.

VALUE (MeV)	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
<b>6.85±0.21 OUR FIT</b>				
<b>6.3 ± 0.7 OUR AVERAGE</b>				
6.9 ± 2.2	29	LONDON	66	HBC
6.1 ± 0.9	88	PJERROU	65B	HBC
6.8 ± 1.6	23	JAUNEAU	63	FBC
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •				
6.1 ± 1.6	45	CARMONY	64B	HBC See PJERROU 65B

## $\Xi^0$ MEAN LIFE

VALUE ( $10^{-10}$ s)	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
<b>2.90±0.09 OUR AVERAGE</b>				
2.83±0.16	6300	<sup>1</sup> ZECH	77	SPEC Neutral hyperon beam
2.88 <sup>+0.21</sup> <sub>-0.19</sub>	652	BALTAY	74	HBC 1.75 GeV/c $K^- p$
2.90 <sup>+0.32</sup> <sub>-0.27</sub>	157	<sup>2</sup> MAYEUR	72	HLBC 2.1 GeV/c $K^-$
3.07 <sup>+0.22</sup> <sub>-0.20</sub>	340	DAUBER	69	HBC
3.0 ± 0.5	80	PJERROU	65B	HBC
2.5 <sup>+0.4</sup> <sub>-0.3</sub>	101	HUBBARD	64	HBC
3.9 <sup>+1.4</sup> <sub>-0.8</sub>	24	JAUNEAU	63	FBC
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •				
3.5 <sup>+1.0</sup> <sub>-0.8</sub>	45	CARMONY	64B	HBC See PJERROU 65B

<sup>1</sup>The ZECH 77 result is  $\tau_{\Xi^0} = [2.77 - (\tau_\Lambda - 2.69)] \times 10^{-10}$  s, in which we use  $\tau_\Lambda = 2.63 \times 10^{-10}$  s.

<sup>2</sup>The MAYEUR 72 value is modified by the erratum.

## $\Xi^0$ MAGNETIC MOMENT

See the “Quark Model” review.

VALUE ( $\mu_N$ )	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN
<b><math>-1.250 \pm 0.014</math> OUR AVERAGE</b>			
$-1.253 \pm 0.014$	270k	COX	81 SPEC
$-1.20 \pm 0.06$	42k	BUNCE	79 SPEC

## $\Xi^0$ DECAY MODES

Mode	Fraction ( $\Gamma_i/\Gamma$ )	Confidence level
$\Gamma_1 \Lambda \pi^0$	$(99.524 \pm 0.012) \%$	
$\Gamma_2 \Lambda \gamma$	$(1.17 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-3}$	
$\Gamma_3 \Lambda e^+ e^-$	$(7.6 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-6}$	
$\Gamma_4 \Sigma^0 \gamma$	$(3.33 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-3}$	
$\Gamma_5 \Sigma^+ e^- \bar{\nu}_e$	$(2.52 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-4}$	
$\Gamma_6 \Sigma^+ \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu$	$(2.33 \pm 0.35) \times 10^{-6}$	

$\Delta S = \Delta Q$  (SQ) violating modes or  
 $\Delta S = 2$  forbidden (S2) modes

$\Gamma_7 \Sigma^- e^+ \nu_e$	SQ	$< 1.6$	$\times 10^{-4}$	90%
$\Gamma_8 \Sigma^- \mu^+ \nu_\mu$	SQ	$< 9$	$\times 10^{-4}$	90%
$\Gamma_9 p \pi^-$	S2	$< 8$	$\times 10^{-6}$	90%
$\Gamma_{10} p e^- \bar{\nu}_e$	S2	$< 1.3$	$\times 10^{-3}$	
$\Gamma_{11} p \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu$	S2	$< 1.3$	$\times 10^{-3}$	
$\Gamma_{12} K^- e^+$				
$\Gamma_{13} K^+ e^-$				

## CONSTRAINED FIT INFORMATION

An overall fit to 5 branching ratios uses 11 measurements and one constraint to determine 5 parameters. The overall fit has a  $\chi^2 = 7.5$  for 7 degrees of freedom.

The following *off-diagonal* array elements are the correlation coefficients  $\langle \delta x_i \delta x_j \rangle / (\delta x_i \cdot \delta x_j)$ , in percent, from the fit to the branching fractions,  $x_i \equiv \Gamma_i / \Gamma_{\text{total}}$ . The fit constrains the  $x_i$  whose labels appear in this array to sum to one.

$x_2$	-57			
$x_4$	-82	0		
$x_5$	-7	0	0	
$x_6$	0	0	0	
	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_4$	$x_5$

## $\Xi^0$ BRANCHING RATIOS

### $\Gamma(\Lambda\gamma)/\Gamma(\Lambda\pi^0)$

### $\Gamma_2/\Gamma_1$

VALUE (units $10^{-3}$ )	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
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#### **$1.17 \pm 0.07$ OUR FIT**

#### **$1.17 \pm 0.07$ OUR AVERAGE**

$1.17 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.06$	672	<sup>1</sup> LAI	04A	NA48	$p$ Be, 450 GeV
$1.91 \pm 0.34 \pm 0.19$	31	<sup>2</sup> FANTI	00	NA48	$p$ Be, 450 GeV
$1.06 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.11$	116	JAMES	90	SPEC	FNAL hyperons

<sup>1</sup> LAI 04A used our 2002 value of 99.5% for the  $\Xi^0 \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^0$  branching fraction to get  $\Gamma(\Xi^0 \rightarrow \Lambda\gamma)/\Gamma_{\text{total}} = (1.16 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-3}$ . We adjust slightly to go back to what was directly measured.

<sup>2</sup> FANTI 00 used our 1998 value of 99.5% for the  $\Xi^0 \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^0$  branching fraction to get  $\Gamma(\Xi^0 \rightarrow \Lambda\gamma)/\Gamma_{\text{total}} = (1.90 \pm 0.34 \pm 0.19) \times 10^{-3}$ . We adjust slightly to go back to what was directly measured.

### $\Gamma(\Lambda e^+ e^-)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$

### $\Gamma_3/\Gamma$

VALUE (units $10^{-6}$ )	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
<b><math>7.6 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.5</math></b>	$397 \pm 21$	<sup>1</sup> BATLEY	07C	NA48 $p$ Be, 400 GeV

<sup>1</sup> This BATLEY 07C result is consistent with internal bremsstrahlung.

### $\Gamma(\Sigma^0\gamma)/\Gamma(\Lambda\pi^0)$

### $\Gamma_4/\Gamma_1$

VALUE (units $10^{-3}$ )	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
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#### **$3.35 \pm 0.10$ OUR FIT**

#### **$3.35 \pm 0.10$ OUR AVERAGE**

$3.34 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.09$	4045	ALAVI-HARATI01C	KTEV	$p$ nucleus, 800 GeV
$3.16 \pm 0.76 \pm 0.32$	17	<sup>1</sup> FANTI	00	NA48 $p$ Be, 450 GeV
$3.56 \pm 0.42 \pm 0.10$	85	TEIGE	89	SPEC FNAL hyperons

<sup>1</sup> FANTI 00 used our 1998 value of 99.5% for the  $\Xi^0 \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^0$  branching fraction to get  $\Gamma(\Xi^0 \rightarrow \Sigma^0\gamma)/\Gamma_{\text{total}} = (3.14 \pm 0.76 \pm 0.32) \times 10^{-3}$ . We adjust slightly to go back to what was directly measured.

$\Gamma(\Sigma^+ e^- \bar{\nu}_e)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$   $\Gamma_5/\Gamma$ 

<u>VALUE</u> (units $10^{-4}$ )	<u>EVTS</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
<b><math>2.52 \pm 0.08</math> OUR FIT</b>				
<b><math>2.53 \pm 0.08</math> OUR AVERAGE</b>				
2.51 $\pm 0.03 \pm 0.09$	6101	BATLEY	07	NA48 $p$ Be, 400 GeV
2.55 $\pm 0.14 \pm 0.10$	419	<sup>1</sup> BATLEY	07	NA48 $p$ Be, 400 GeV
2.71 $\pm 0.22 \pm 0.31$	176	AFFOLDER	99	KTEV $p$ nucleus, 800 GeV

<sup>1</sup> This BATLEY 07 result is for  $\Xi^0 \rightarrow \bar{\Sigma}^- e^+ \bar{\nu}_e$  events.

 $\Gamma(\Sigma^+ \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$   $\Gamma_6/\Gamma$ 

<u>VALUE</u> (units $10^{-6}$ )	<u>EVTS</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
<b><math>2.3 \pm 0.4</math> OUR FIT</b>				
<b><math>2.17 \pm 0.32 \pm 0.17</math></b>	66	<sup>1</sup> BATLEY	13	NA48 $p$ Be, 400 GeV

<sup>1</sup> BATLEY 13 used  $\Xi^0 \rightarrow \Sigma^+ e^- \bar{\nu}_e$  decay as a normalization mode and its branching fraction value of  $(2.51 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-4}$  from BATLEY 07.

 $\Gamma(\Sigma^+ \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu)/\Gamma(\Sigma^+ e^- \bar{\nu}_e)$   $\Gamma_6/\Gamma_5$ 

<u>VALUE</u>	<u>EVTS</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
<b><math>0.0092 \pm 0.0015</math> OUR FIT</b>				
<b><math>0.018 \begin{array}{l} +0.007 \\ -0.005 \end{array} \pm 0.002</math></b>	9	ABOUZAID	05	KTEV $p$ nucleus 800 GeV

 $\Gamma(\Sigma^- e^+ \bar{\nu}_e)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$   $\Gamma_7/\Gamma$ 

<u>VALUE</u>	<u>CL%</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
<b><math>&lt; 1.6 \times 10^{-4}</math></b>	90	ABLIKIM	23B	BES3 $J/\psi \rightarrow \Xi^0 \bar{\Xi}^0$

 $\Gamma(\Sigma^- e^+ \bar{\nu}_e)/\Gamma(\Lambda \pi^0)$   $\Gamma_7/\Gamma_1$ 

Test of  $\Delta S = \Delta Q$  rule.

<u>VALUE</u> (units $10^{-3}$ )	<u>CL%</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
<0.9	90	YEH	74	HBC Effective denom.=2500
<1.5		DAUBER	69	HBC
<6		HUBBARD	66	HBC

 $\Gamma(\Sigma^- \mu^+ \bar{\nu}_\mu)/\Gamma(\Lambda \pi^0)$   $\Gamma_8/\Gamma_1$ 

Test of  $\Delta S = \Delta Q$  rule.

<u>VALUE</u> (units $10^{-3}$ )	<u>CL%</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
<b>&lt;0.9</b>	90	YEH	74	HBC Effective denom.=2500
<1.5		DAUBER	69	HBC
<6		HUBBARD	66	HBC

 $\Gamma(p \pi^-)/\Gamma(\Lambda \pi^0)$   $\Gamma_9/\Gamma_1$ 

$\Delta S=2$ . Forbidden in first-order weak interaction.

<u>VALUE</u> (units $10^{-6}$ )	<u>CL%</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
<b>&lt; 8.2</b>	90	WHITE	05	HYCP $p$ Cu, 800 GeV
< 36	90	GEWENIGER	75	SPEC
<1800	90	YEH	74	HBC Effective denom.=1300
< 900		DAUBER	69	HBC
<5000		HUBBARD	66	HBC

$\Gamma(p e^- \bar{\nu}_e)/\Gamma(\Lambda \pi^0)$  $\Gamma_{10}/\Gamma_1$  $\Delta S=2$ . Forbidden in first-order weak interaction.

<u>VALUE</u> (units $10^{-3}$ )	<u>CL%</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
<1.3		DAUBER	69	HBC
$\bullet \bullet \bullet$ We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. $\bullet \bullet \bullet$				
<3.4	90	YEH	74	HBC Effective denom.=670
<6		HUBBARD	66	HBC

 $\Gamma(p \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu)/\Gamma(\Lambda \pi^0)$  $\Gamma_{11}/\Gamma_1$  $\Delta S=2$ . Forbidden in first-order weak interaction.

<u>VALUE</u> (units $10^{-3}$ )	<u>CL%</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
<1.3		DAUBER	69	HBC
$\bullet \bullet \bullet$ We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. $\bullet \bullet \bullet$				
<3.5	90	YEH	74	HBC Effective denom.=664
<6		HUBBARD	66	HBC

 $\Gamma(K^- e^+)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$  $\Gamma_{12}/\Gamma$ 

<u>VALUE</u>	<u>CL%</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
$<3.6 \times 10^{-6}$	90	<sup>1</sup> ABLIKIM	23AP BES3	$J/\psi \rightarrow \Xi^0 \Xi^0$

<sup>1</sup> This decay mode violates baryon and lepton number conservation with  $\Delta(B-L) = 0$ . $\Gamma(K^+ e^-)/\Gamma_{\text{total}}$  $\Gamma_{13}/\Gamma$ 

<u>VALUE</u>	<u>CL%</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
$<1.9 \times 10^{-6}$	90	<sup>1</sup> ABLIKIM	23AP BES3	$J/\psi \rightarrow \Xi^0 \Xi^0$

<sup>1</sup> This decay mode violates baryon and lepton number conservation with  $|\Delta(B-L)|=2$ . $\Xi^0$  DECAY PARAMETERS

See the “Note on Baryon Decay Parameters” in the neutron Listings.

 $\alpha(\Xi^0) \alpha_-(\Lambda)$ This is a product of the  $\Xi^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^0$  and  $\Lambda \rightarrow p \pi^-$  asymmetries.

<u>VALUE</u>	<u>EVTS</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
<b>-0.261 ± 0.006 OUR AVERAGE</b>				
-0.276 ± 0.001 ± 0.035	4M	BATLEY	10B	NA48 $p$ Be, 400 GeV
-0.260 ± 0.004 ± 0.005	300k	HANDLER	82	SPEC FNAL hyperons
$\bullet \bullet \bullet$ We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. $\bullet \bullet \bullet$				
-0.317 ± 0.027	6075	BUNCE	78	SPEC FNAL hyperons
-0.35 ± 0.06	505	BALTAY	74	HBC $K^- p$ 1.75 GeV/c
-0.28 ± 0.06	739	DAUBER	69	HBC $K^- p$ 1.7–2.6 GeV/c

 $\alpha$  FOR  $\Xi^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^0$ The PDG 22 average  $\alpha(\Xi^0) \alpha_-(\Lambda) = -0.261 \pm 0.006$  divided by the PDG 22 average  $\alpha_-(\Lambda) = 0.748 \pm 0.007$  gives  $\alpha(\Xi^0) = -0.349 \pm 0.009$ .

<u>VALUE</u>	<u>EVTS</u>	<u>DOCUMENT ID</u>	<u>TECN</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
<b>-0.348 ± 0.009 OUR EVALUATION</b>				
<b>-0.3750 ± 0.0034 ± 0.0016</b>	327k	ABLIKIM	23AU BES3	$J/\psi \rightarrow \Xi^0 \Xi^0$
$\bullet \bullet \bullet$ We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. $\bullet \bullet \bullet$				
-0.358 ± 0.042 ± 0.013	1.9k	ABLIKIM	23AD BES3	$\psi(2S) \rightarrow \Xi^0 \Xi^0$

**$\alpha$  FOR  $\Xi^0 \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}\pi^0$** 

VALUE	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
<b>0.3790±0.0034±0.0021</b>	327k	ABLIKIM	23AU BES3	$J/\psi \rightarrow \Xi^0\Xi^0$
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •				
0.363 ± 0.042 ± 0.013	1.9k	ABLIKIM	23AD BES3	$\psi(2S) \rightarrow \Xi^0\Xi^0$

 **$\phi$  ANGLE FOR  $\Xi^0 \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^0$** 

VALUE (°)	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
<b>0.292±0.550±0.103</b>	327k	<sup>1</sup> ABLIKIM	23AU BES3	$J/\psi \rightarrow \Xi^0\Xi^0$
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •				
1.55 ± 6.70 ± 0.63	1.9k	ABLIKIM	23AD BES3	$\psi(2S) \rightarrow \Xi^0\Xi^0$
16 ± 17	652	BALTAY	74	HBC 1.75 GeV/c $K^- p$
38 ± 19	739	<sup>2</sup> DAUBER	69	HBC
- 8 ± 30	146	<sup>3</sup> BERGE	66	HBC

<sup>1</sup> Converted from radians to degrees.<sup>2</sup> DAUBER 69 uses  $\alpha_{\Lambda} = 0.647 \pm 0.020$ .<sup>3</sup> The errors have been multiplied by 1.2 due to approximations used for the  $\Xi$  polarization; see DAUBER 69 for a discussion. **$\phi$  ANGLE FOR  $\Xi^0 \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}\pi^0$  with  $\tan\phi = \beta/\gamma$** 

VALUE (degrees)	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
<b>-0.304±0.556±0.109</b>	327k	ABLIKIM	23AU BES3	$J/\psi \rightarrow \Xi^0\Xi^0$
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •				
-10.60 ± 6.65 ± 0.97	1.9k	ABLIKIM	23AD BES3	$\psi(2S) \rightarrow \Xi^0\Xi^0$

 **$\Delta\phi_{CP}(\Xi^0) = (\phi_{\Xi^0} + \phi_{\Xi^0})/2$** 

VALUE (degrees)	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
<b>-0.006±0.395±0.052</b>	327k	<sup>1</sup> ABLIKIM	23AU BES3	$J/\psi \rightarrow \Xi^0\Xi^0$
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •				
-4.53 ± 4.70 ± 0.57	1.9k	<sup>1</sup> ABLIKIM	23AD BES3	$\psi(2S) \rightarrow \Xi^0\Xi^0$

<sup>1</sup> Converted from radians to degrees. **$A_{CP}$  FOR  $\Xi^0 \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^0, \Xi^0 \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}\pi^0$** 

$$A_{CP} = (\alpha + \bar{\alpha}) / (\alpha - \bar{\alpha})$$

VALUE (units $10^{-3}$ )	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
<b>-5.4±6.5±3.1</b>	327k	<sup>1</sup> ABLIKIM	23AU BES3	$J/\psi \rightarrow \Xi^0\Xi^0$
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •				
-7 ± 82 ± 25	1.9k	<sup>1</sup> ABLIKIM	23AD BES3	$\psi(2S) \rightarrow \Xi^0\Xi^0$

<sup>1</sup> Probing  $CP$  symmetry and weak phases with entangled double-strange baryons.**RADIATIVE HYPERON DECAYS**

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The weak radiative decays of spin-1/2 hyperons,  $B_i \rightarrow B_f \gamma$ , yield information about matrix elements (form factors) similar to that gained from weak hadronic decays. For a polarized

spin-1/2 hyperon decaying radiatively via a  $\Delta Q = 0$ ,  $\Delta S = 1$  transition, the angular distribution of the direction  $\hat{\mathbf{p}}$  of the final spin-1/2 baryon in the hyperon rest frame is

$$\frac{dN}{d\Omega} = \frac{N}{4\pi} (1 + \alpha_\gamma \mathbf{P}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{p}}) . \quad (1)$$

Here  $\mathbf{P}_i$  is the polarization of the decaying hyperon, and  $\alpha_\gamma$  is the asymmetry parameter. In terms of the form factors  $F_1(q^2)$ ,  $F_2(q^2)$ , and  $G(q^2)$  of the effective hadronic weak electromagnetic vertex,

$$F_1(q^2)\gamma_\lambda + iF_2(q^2)\sigma_{\lambda\mu}q^\mu + G(q^2)\gamma_\lambda\gamma_5 ,$$

$\alpha_\gamma$  is

$$\alpha_\gamma = \frac{2 \operatorname{Re}[G(0)F_M^*(0)]}{|G(0)|^2 + |F_M(0)|^2} , \quad (2)$$

where  $F_M = (m_i - m_f)[F_2 - F_1/(m_i + m_f)]$ . If the decaying hyperon is unpolarized, the decay baryon has a longitudinal polarization given by  $P_f = -\alpha_\gamma$  [1].

The angular distribution for the weak hadronic decay,  $B_i \rightarrow B_f\pi$ , has the same form as Eq. (1), but of course with a different asymmetry parameter,  $\alpha_\pi$ . Now, however, if the decaying hyperon is unpolarized, the decay baryon has a longitudinal polarization given by  $P_f = +\alpha_\pi$  [2,3]. The difference of sign is because the spins of the pion and photon are different.

**$\Xi^0 \rightarrow \Lambda\gamma$  decay**—The radiative decay  $\Xi^0 \rightarrow \Lambda\gamma$  of an unpolarized  $\Xi^0$  uses the hadronic decay  $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$  as the analyzer. As noted above, the longitudinal polarization of the  $\Lambda$  will be  $P_\Lambda = -\alpha_{\Xi\Lambda\gamma}$ . Let  $\alpha_-$  be the  $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$  asymmetry parameter and  $\theta_{\Lambda p}$  be the angle, as seen in the  $\Lambda$  rest frame, between the

$\Lambda$  line of flight and the proton momentum. Then the hadronic version of Eq. (1) applied to the  $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$  decay gives

$$\frac{dN}{d \cos \theta_{\Lambda p}} = \frac{N}{2} (1 - \alpha_{\Xi \Lambda \gamma} \alpha_- \cos \theta_{\Lambda p}) \quad (3)$$

for the angular distribution of the proton in the  $\Lambda$  frame. Our current value, from the CERN NA48/1 experiment [4], is  $\alpha_{\Xi \Lambda \gamma} = -0.704 \pm 0.019 \pm 0.064$ .

**$\Xi^0 \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \gamma$  decay**—The asymmetry parameter here,  $\alpha_{\Xi \Sigma \gamma}$ , is measured by following the decay chain  $\Xi^0 \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \gamma$ ,  $\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma$ ,  $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$ . Again, for an unpolarized  $\Xi^0$ , the longitudinal polarization of the  $\Sigma^0$  will be  $P_\Sigma = -\alpha_{\Xi \Sigma \gamma}$ . In the  $\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma$  decay, a parity-conserving magnetic-dipole transition, the polarization of the  $\Sigma^0$  is transferred to the  $\Lambda$ , as may be seen as follows. Let  $\theta_{\Sigma \Lambda}$  be the angle seen in the  $\Sigma^0$  rest frame between the  $\Sigma^0$  line of flight and the  $\Lambda$  momentum. For  $\Sigma^0$  helicity  $+1/2$ , the probability amplitudes for positive and negative spin states of the  $\Sigma^0$  *along the  $\Lambda$  momentum* are  $\cos(\theta_{\Sigma \Lambda}/2)$  and  $\sin(\theta_{\Sigma \Lambda}/2)$ . Then the amplitude for a negative helicity photon and a negative helicity  $\Lambda$  is  $\cos(\theta_{\Sigma \Lambda}/2)$ , while the amplitude for positive helicities for the photon and  $\Lambda$  is  $\sin(\theta_{\Sigma \Lambda}/2)$ . For  $\Sigma^0$  helicity  $-1/2$ , the amplitudes are interchanged. If the  $\Sigma^0$  has longitudinal polarization  $P_\Sigma$ , the probabilities for  $\Lambda$  helicities  $\pm 1/2$  are therefore

$$p(\pm 1/2) = \frac{1}{2}(1 \mp P_\Sigma) \cos^2(\theta_{\Sigma \Lambda}/2) + \frac{1}{2}(1 \pm P_\Sigma) \sin^2(\theta_{\Sigma \Lambda}/2), \quad (4)$$

and the longitudinal polarization of the  $\Lambda$  is

$$P_\Lambda = -P_\Sigma \cos \theta_{\Sigma \Lambda} = +\alpha_{\Xi \Sigma \gamma} \cos \theta_{\Sigma \Lambda}. \quad (5)$$

Using Eq. (1) for the  $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$  decay again, we get for the joint angular distribution of the  $\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda\gamma$ ,  $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$  chain,

$$\frac{d^2N}{d\cos\theta_{\Sigma\Lambda} d\cos\theta_{\Lambda p}} = \frac{N}{4} (1 + \alpha_{\Xi\Sigma\gamma} \cos\theta_{\Sigma\Lambda} \alpha_- \cos\theta_{\Lambda p}) . \quad (6)$$

Our current average for  $\alpha_{\Xi\Sigma\gamma}$  is  $-0.69 \pm 0.06$  [4,5].

## References

1. R.E. Behrends, Phys. Rev. **111**, 1691 (1958); see Eq. (7) or (8).
2. In ancient times, the signs of the asymmetry term in the angular distributions of radiative and hadronic decays of polarized hyperons were sometimes opposite. For roughly 50 years, however, the overwhelming convention has been to make them the same. The aim, not always achieved, is to remove ambiguities.
3. For the definition of  $\alpha_\pi$ , see the note on “Baryon Decay Parameters” in the Neutron Listings.
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### $\alpha$ FOR $\Xi^0 \rightarrow \Lambda\gamma$

See the note above on “Radiative Hyperon Decays.”

VALUE	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
<b><math>-0.704 \pm 0.019 \pm 0.064</math></b>	52k	<sup>1</sup> BATLEY	10B	NA48 $p$ Be, 400 GeV
<b>• • •</b> We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. <b>• • •</b>				
-0.78 $\pm 0.18$ $\pm 0.06$	672	LAI	04A	NA48 See BATLEY 10B
-0.43 $\pm 0.44$	87	<sup>2</sup> JAMES	90	SPEC FNAL hyperons

<sup>1</sup> BATLEY 10B also measured the  $\Xi^0 \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}\gamma$  asymmetry to be  $-0.798 \pm 0.064$  (no systematic error given) with 4769 events.

<sup>2</sup> The sign has been changed; see the erratum, JAMES 02.

### $\alpha$ FOR $\Xi^0 \rightarrow \Lambda e^+ e^-$

VALUE	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
<b><math>-0.8 \pm 0.2</math></b>	$397 \pm 21$	<sup>1</sup> BATLEY	07C	NA48 $p$ Be, 400 GeV

<sup>1</sup> This BATLEY 07C result is consistent with the asymmetry  $\alpha$  for  $\Xi^0 \rightarrow \Lambda\gamma$ , as expected if the mechanism is internal bremsstrahlung.

**$\alpha$  FOR  $\Xi^0 \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \gamma$** 

See the note above on "Radiative Hyperon Decays."

VALUE	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
<b>-0.69 ± 0.06 OUR AVERAGE</b>				
-0.729 ± 0.030 ± 0.076	15k	<sup>1</sup> BATLEY	10B	NA48 $p$ Be, 400 GeV
-0.63 ± 0.08 ± 0.05	4045	ALAVI-HARATI01C	KTEV	$p$ nucleus, 800 GeV
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •				
+0.20 ± 0.32 ± 0.05	85	<sup>2</sup> TEIGE	89	SPEC FNAL hyperons

<sup>1</sup> BATLEY 10B also measured the  $\Xi^0 \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \gamma$  asymmetry to be  $-0.786 \pm 0.104$  (no systematic error given) with 1404 events.

<sup>2</sup> This result has been withdrawn, due to an error. See the erratum, TEIGE 02.

 **$g_1(0)/f_1(0)$  FOR  $\Xi^0 \rightarrow \Sigma^+ e^- \bar{\nu}_e$** 

VALUE	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
<b>1.22 ± 0.05 OUR AVERAGE</b>				
1.21 ± 0.05		BATLEY	13	NA48 $p$ Be, 400 GeV
$1.32^{+0.21}_{-0.17} \pm 0.05$	487	<sup>1</sup> ALAVI-HARATI01I	KTEV	$p$ nucleus, 800 GeV
• • • We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. • • •				
1.20 ± 0.04 ± 0.03	6520	<sup>2</sup> BATLEY	07	NA48 See BATLEY 13

<sup>1</sup> ALAVI-HARATI 01I assumes here that the second-class current is zero and that the weak-magnetism term takes its exact SU(3) value.

<sup>2</sup> This BATLEY 07 result uses our 2006 value of  $V_{us}$  from semileptonic kaon decays as input.

 **$g_2(0)/f_1(0)$  FOR  $\Xi^0 \rightarrow \Sigma^+ e^- \bar{\nu}_e$** 

VALUE	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
<b>-1.7<sup>+2.1</sup><sub>-2.0</sub> ± 0.5</b>	487	<sup>1</sup> ALAVI-HARATI01I	KTEV	$p$ nucleus, 800 GeV

<sup>1</sup> ALAVI-HARATI 01I thus assumes that  $g_2 = 0$  in calculating  $g_1/f_1$ , above.

 **$f_2(0)/f_1(0)$  FOR  $\Xi^0 \rightarrow \Sigma^+ e^- \bar{\nu}_e$** 

VALUE	EVTS	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
<b>2.0 ± 0.9 OUR AVERAGE</b>				
2.0 ± 1.3		BATLEY	13	NA48 $p$ Be, 400 GeV
2.0 ± 1.2 ± 0.5	487	ALAVI-HARATI01I	KTEV	$p$ nucleus, 800 GeV

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