TESTS OF CONSERVATION LAWS

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In keeping with the current interest in tests of conservation laws, we collect together a Table of experimental limits on all weak and electromagnetic decays, mass differences, and moments, and on a few reactions, whose observation would violate conservation laws. The Table is given only in the full *Review of Particle Properties*, not in the Particle Physics Booklet. For the benefit of Booklet readers, we include the best limits from the Table in the following text. The Table is in two parts: "Discrete Space-Time Symmetries," *i.e.*, C, P, T, CP, and CPT; and "Number Conservation Laws," *i.e.*, lepton, baryon, hadronic flavor, and charge conservation. The references for these data can be found in the the Full Listings in the *Review*. A discussion of these tests follows.

CPT INVARIANCE

General principles of relativistic field theory require invariance under the combined transformation CPT. The simplest tests of CPT invariance are the equality of the masses and lifetimes of a particle and its antiparticle. The best test comes from the limit on the mass difference between K^0 and $\overline{K}^0$. Any such difference contributes to the CP-violating parameter ϵ. Assuming CPT invariance, ϕ_ϵ, the phase of ϵ should be very close to 44°. (See the "Note on CP Violation in K^0_L Decay" in the Full Listings.) In contrast, if the entire source of CP violation in K^0 decays were a $K^0 - \overline{K}^0$ mass difference, ϕ_ϵ would be $44° + 90°$. It is possible to deduce that [1]

$$m_{\overline{K}^0} - m_{K^0} \approx \frac{2(m_{K^0_L} - m_{K^0_S})\,|\eta|\,(\frac{2}{3}\phi_{+-} + \frac{1}{3}\phi_{00} - \phi_\epsilon)}{\sin\phi_\epsilon} \; .$$

Using our best values of the CP-violation parameters, we get $|(m_{\overline{K}^0} - m_{K^0})/m_{K^0}| \leq 10^{-18}$ (CL = 90%). Limits can also be placed on specific CPT-violating decay amplitudes. Given the small value of $(1 - |\eta_{00}/\eta_{+-}|)$, the value of $\phi_{00} - \phi_{+-}$ provides a measure of CPT violation in $K^0_L \to 2\pi$ decay. Results from CERN [1] and Fermilab [2] indicate no CPT-violating effect.