$\Gamma(K_L \to e\mu)/\Gamma(K_L \to \text{all}) < 3.3 \times 10^{-11}$ and $\Gamma(K^+ \to \pi^+ e^- \mu^+)/\Gamma(K^+ \to \text{all}) < 2.1 \times 10^{-10}$. Limits on the conversion of τ into e or μ are found in τ decay and are much less stringent than those for $\mu \to e$ conversion, *e.g.*, $\Gamma(\tau \to \mu\gamma)/\Gamma(\tau \to \text{all}) < 4.2 \times 10^{-6}$ and $\Gamma(\tau \to e\gamma)/\Gamma(\tau \to \text{all}) < 1.2 \times 10^{-4}$.

c) Conversion of one type of lepton into another type of antilepton. The case most studied is $\mu^- + (Z, A) \to e^+ + (Z-2, A)$, the strongest limit being $\Gamma(\mu^-\text{Ti} \to e^+\text{Ca})/\Gamma(\mu^-\text{Ti} \to \text{all}) < 9 \times 10^{-11}$.

d) Relation to neutrino mass. If neutrinos have mass, then it is expected even in the standard electroweak theory that the lepton numbers are not separately conserved, as a consequence of lepton mixing analogous to Cabibbo quark mixing. However, in this case lepton-number-violating processes such as $\mu \to e\gamma$ are expected to have extremely small probability. For small neutrino masses, the lepton-number violation would be observed first in neutrino oscillations, which have been the subject of extensive experimental searches. For example, searches for $\overline{\nu}_e$ disappearance, which we label as $\overline{\nu}_e \not\to \overline{\nu}_e$, give measured limits $\Delta(m^2) < 0.0083\ \text{eV}^2$ for $\sin^2(2\theta) = 1$, and $\sin^2(2\theta) < 0.14$ for large $\Delta(m^2)$, where θ is the neutrino mixing angle. Searches for $\nu_\mu \to \nu_e$ set limits $\Delta(m^2) < 0.09\ \text{eV}^2$ for $\sin^2(2\theta) = 1$, and $\sin^2(2\theta) < 0.0025$ for large $\Delta(m^2)$. For larger neutrino masses ($\gg 1$ keV), lepton-number violation is searched for by looking for anomalous decays such as $\pi \to e\nu_x$, where ν_x is a massive neutrino. If the $\Delta L = 2$ type of violation occurs, it is expected that neutrinos will have a nonzero mass of the Majorana type.

CONSERVATION OF HADRONIC FLAVORS

In strong and electromagnetic interactions, hadronic flavor is conserved, *i.e.* the conversion of a quark of one flavor (d, u, s, c, b, t) into a quark of another flavor is forbidden. In the Standard Model, the weak interactions violate these conservation laws in a manner described by the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa mixing (see the section "Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa Mixing Matrix"). The way in which these conservation laws are violated is tested as follows:

a) $\Delta S = \Delta Q$ rule. In the semileptonic decay of strange particles, the strangeness change equals the change in charge of