the hadrons. Tests come from limits on decay rates such as $\Gamma(\Sigma^+ \to ne^+\nu)/\Gamma(\Sigma^+ \to \text{all}) < 5 \times 10^{-6}$, and from a detailed analysis of $K_L \to \pi e \nu$, which yields the parameter x, measured to be $(\mathrm{Re}\, x,\ \mathrm{Im}\, x) = (0.006 \pm 0.018,\ -0.003 \pm 0.026)$. Corresponding rules are $\Delta C = \Delta Q$ and $\Delta B = \Delta Q$.

b) Change of flavor by two units. In the Standard Model this occurs only in second-order weak interactions. The classic example is $\Delta S = 2$ via $K^0 - \overline{K}^0$ mixing, which is directly measured by $m(K_S) - m(K_L) = (3.510 \pm 0.018) \times 10^{-12}$ MeV. There is now evidence for $B^0 - \overline{B}^0$ mixing ($\Delta B = 2$), with the corresponding mass difference between the eigenstates $(m_{B^0_{\mathrm{H}}} - m_{B^0_{\mathrm{L}}})$ $= (0.71 \pm 0.06)\ \Gamma_B = (3.1 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-10}$ MeV. No evidence exists for $D^0 - \overline{D}^0$ mixing, which is expected to be much smaller in the Standard Model.

c) Flavor-changing neutral currents. In the Standard Model the neutral-current interactions do not change flavor. The low rate $\Gamma(K_L \to \mu^+\mu^-)/\Gamma(K_L \to \text{all}) = (7.4 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-9}$ puts limits on such interactions; the nonzero value for this rate is attributed to a combination of the weak and electromagnetic interactions. The best test should come from a limit on $K^+ \to \pi^+ \nu \overline{\nu}$, which occurs in the Standard Model only as a second-order weak process with a branching fraction of $(1 \text{ to } 8) \times 10^{-10}$. The current limit is $\Gamma(K^+ \to \pi^+ \nu \overline{\nu})/\Gamma(K^+ \to \text{all}) < 5.2 \times 10^{-9}$. Limits for charm-changing or bottom-changing neutral currents are much less stringent: $\Gamma(D^0 \to \mu^+\mu^-)/\Gamma(D^0 \to \text{all}) < 1.1 \times 10^{-5}$ and $\Gamma(B^0 \to \mu^+\mu^-)/\Gamma(B^0 \to \text{all}) < 5.9 \times 10^{-6}$. One cannot isolate flavor-changing neutral current (FCNC) effects in non leptonic decays. For example, the FCNC transition $s \to d + (\overline{u} + u)$ is equivalent to the charged-current transition $s \to u + (\overline{u} + d)$. Tests for FCNC are therefore limited to hadron decays into lepton pairs. Such decays are expected only in second-order in the electroweak coupling in the Standard Model.

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