

# Observation of the $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ decay and measurement of its branching ratio by the NA62 experiment at CERN

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The  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$  decay is a golden mode for flavour physics. Its branching ratio is predicted with high precision by the Standard Model to be less than  $10^{-10}$ , and this decay mode is highly sensitive to indirect effects of new physics up to the highest mass scales. A new measurement of the  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$  decay by the NA62 experiment at the CERN SPS is presented, using data collected in 2021 and 2022. This new data-set was collected after modifications to the beamline and detectors and at a higher instantaneous beam intensity with respect to the previous 2016–2018 data taking. Using the NA62 data-set from 2016–2022, a new measurement of  $\mathcal{B}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = (13.0^{+3.3}_{-2.9}) \times 10^{-11}$  is reported, and for the first time the  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$  decay is observed with a significance exceeding  $5\sigma$ .

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