

# APPENDIX A: PHYSICAL CONSTANTS

Summary of the physical constants and conversion factors used in this course:

Electron charge,  $e = 1.602 \times 10^{-19}$  C

$\hbar c = 0.197$  GeV fm

$\hbar = 6.6 \times 10^{-25}$  GeV s

Fine structure constant,  $\alpha = 1/137$

Bohr magneton,  $\mu_B = 9.3 \times 10^{-24}$  JT<sup>-1</sup>

Nuclear magneton,  $\mu_N = 5.1 \times 10^{-27}$  JT<sup>-1</sup>

1 eV =  $1.602 \times 10^{-19}$  J, 1 MeV =  $10^6$  eV, 1 GeV =  $10^9$  eV

1 fermi(fm) =  $10^{-15}$  m

1 barn(b) =  $10^{-28}$  m<sup>2</sup>

1 Curie(Ci) =  $3.7 \times 10^{10}$  decays/s

Atomic masses are often given in unified (or atomic) mass units:

1 unified mass unit(u) = Mass of an atom of  ${}^1_6\text{C}/12$

1u =  $1\text{g}/N_A = 1.66 \times 10^{-27}$  kg =  $931.5$  MeV/ $c^2$

# APPENDIX B: PARTICLE PROPERTIES

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| Quarks (spin 1/2) |         |                                 |            |
|-------------------|---------|---------------------------------|------------|
| Name              | Flavour | Mass<br>(GeV/c <sup>2</sup> )   | Charge (e) |
| up                | u       | ≈ 0.35                          | +2/3       |
| down              | d       | m <sub>d</sub> ≈ m <sub>u</sub> | -1/3       |
| charm             | c       | 1.5                             | +2/3       |
| strange           | s       | 0.5                             | -1/3       |
| top               | t       | 174(±5)                         | +2/3       |
| bottom            | b       | 4.5                             | -1/3       |

| Leptons (spin 1/2) |        |                               |                                 |                                |                           |
|--------------------|--------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Lepton             | Charge | Mass<br>(MeV/c <sup>2</sup> ) | Mean life (s)                   | Lepton<br>Decay Mode           | Branching<br>Fraction (%) |
| $\nu_e$            | 0      | < 15 eV/c <sup>2</sup>        | stable                          |                                |                           |
| $\nu_\mu$          | 0      | < 0.17                        | stable                          |                                |                           |
| $\nu_\tau$         | 0      | < 18.2                        | stable                          |                                |                           |
| $e$                | ±1     | 0.511 <sup>a</sup>            | stable                          |                                |                           |
| $\mu$              | ±1     | 105.658 <sup>b</sup>          | $2.197 \times 10^{-6c}$         | $e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\mu$      | ≈ 100                     |
| $\tau$             | ±1     | 1777.0(±3)                    | $290.6(\pm 11) \times 10^{-15}$ | $\mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau$ | 17.36(±6)                 |
|                    |        |                               |                                 | $e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau$     | 17.84(±6)                 |
|                    |        |                               |                                 | hadrons + $\nu_\tau$           | ≈ 65                      |

<sup>a</sup> The error on the  $e$  mass is  $4 \times 10^{-8}$  MeV/c<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>b</sup> The error on the  $\mu$  mass is  $9 \times 10^{-6}$  MeV/c<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>c</sup> The error on the  $\mu$  lifetime is  $4 \times 10^{-11}$  s.

**N.B. Numbers given in brackets correspond to the error in the last digit.**

For example,  $m_\tau = 1777.0(\pm 3)\text{MeV}/c^2 \equiv (1777.0 \pm 0.3)\text{MeV}/c^2$ .

| Gauge Bosons ( $J^P = 1^-$ ) |             |                       |                                      |                             |                |                        |
|------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Force                        | Gauge Boson | Charge ( $e$ )        | Mass ( $\text{GeV}/c^2$ )            | Full Width ( $\text{GeV}$ ) | Decay Mode     | Branching Fraction (%) |
| E-M                          | $\gamma$    | $< 5 \times 10^{-30}$ | $< 6 \times 10^{-17} \text{ eV}/c^2$ | stable                      |                |                        |
| Weak (Charged)               | $W^\pm$     | $\pm 1$               | 80.43( $\pm 4$ )                     | 2.12( $\pm 4$ )             | $e\nu_e$       | 10.7( $\pm 2$ )        |
|                              |             |                       |                                      |                             | $\mu\nu_\mu$   | 10.6( $\pm 2$ )        |
|                              |             |                       |                                      |                             | $\tau\nu_\tau$ | 11.7( $\pm 3$ )        |
|                              |             |                       |                                      |                             | hadrons        | 68.0( $\pm 4$ )        |
| Weak (Neutral)               | $Z^0$       | 0                     | 91.188( $\pm 2$ )                    | 2.495( $\pm 2$ )            | $ee$           | 3.363( $\pm 4$ )       |
|                              |             |                       |                                      |                             | $\mu\mu$       | 3.366( $\pm 7$ )       |
|                              |             |                       |                                      |                             | $\tau\tau$     | 3.370( $\pm 8$ )       |
|                              |             |                       |                                      |                             | $\nu\nu$       | 20.00( $\pm 6$ )       |
|                              |             |                       |                                      |                             | hadrons        | 69.91( $\pm 6$ )       |
| Strong                       | $g$         | 0                     | 0                                    | stable                      |                |                        |

| Pseudoscalar Mesons ( $J^P = 0^-$ ) |                                  |                     |                                       |                             |                        |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Particle                            | Quark Content                    | Mass (MeV/ $c^2$ )  | Mean Life (s) or Width (keV)          | Decay Mode                  | Branching Fraction (%) |
| $\pi^\pm$                           | $u\bar{d}, d\bar{u}$             | 139.5700( $\pm 4$ ) | $2.6033(\pm 5) \times 10^{-8}$        | $\mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu$       | $\approx 100$          |
| $\pi^0$                             | $(u\bar{u} - d\bar{d})/\sqrt{2}$ | 134.9766( $\pm 6$ ) | $8.4(\pm 6) \times 10^{-17}$          | $\gamma\gamma$              | 98.80( $\pm 3$ )       |
| $\eta$                              | see note a                       | 547.8( $\pm 1$ )    | 1.29( $\pm 7$ )                       | $\gamma\gamma$              | 39.4( $\pm 3$ )        |
|                                     |                                  |                     |                                       | $\pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0$         | 32.5( $\pm 3$ )        |
|                                     |                                  |                     |                                       | $\pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$         | 22.6( $\pm 4$ )        |
|                                     |                                  |                     |                                       | $\pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$        | 4.7( $\pm 1$ )         |
| $\eta'$                             | see note a                       | 957.8( $\pm 1$ )    | 0.20( $\pm 2$ )                       | $\pi^+ \pi^- \eta$          | 44( $\pm 2$ )          |
|                                     |                                  |                     |                                       | $\rho^0 \gamma$             | 30( $\pm 1$ )          |
|                                     |                                  |                     |                                       | $\pi^0 \pi^0 \eta$          | 21( $\pm 1$ )          |
| $K^\pm$                             | $u\bar{s}, s\bar{u}$             | 493.677( $\pm 16$ ) | $1.239(\pm 2) \times 10^{-8}$         | $\mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu$       | 63.4( $\pm 2$ )        |
|                                     |                                  |                     |                                       | $\pi^- \pi^0$               | 21.1( $\pm 1$ )        |
|                                     |                                  |                     |                                       | $\pi^+ \pi^- \pi^-$         | 5.58( $\pm 3$ )        |
|                                     |                                  |                     |                                       | $\pi^0 \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu$ | 3.27( $\pm 6$ )        |
|                                     |                                  |                     |                                       | $\pi^0 e^- \bar{\nu}_e$     | 4.87( $\pm 6$ )        |
| $K^0, \bar{K}^0$                    | $d\bar{s}, s\bar{d}$             | 497.65( $\pm 2$ )   | $K_S^0 0.8953(\pm 6) \times 10^{-10}$ | $\pi^+ \pi^-$               | 69.0( $\pm 1$ )        |
|                                     |                                  |                     | $K_L^0 5.18(\pm 4) \times 10^{-8}$    | $\pi^0 \pi^0$               | 31.1( $\pm 1$ )        |
|                                     |                                  |                     |                                       | $\pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0$         | 21.1( $\pm 2$ )        |
|                                     |                                  |                     |                                       | $\pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$         | 12.6( $\pm 2$ )        |
|                                     |                                  |                     |                                       | $\pi^\pm \mu^\mp \nu_\mu$   | 27.2( $\pm 3$ )        |
|                                     |                                  |                     |                                       | $\pi^\pm e^\mp \nu_e$       | 38.8( $\pm 3$ )        |
| $D^\pm$                             | $cd, d\bar{c}$                   | 1869.4( $\pm 5$ )   | $1.040(\pm 7) \times 10^{-12}$        | $e^- + \text{any}^b$        | 17( $\pm 2$ )          |
|                                     |                                  |                     |                                       | $K^- + \text{any}$          | 28( $\pm 2$ )          |
|                                     |                                  |                     |                                       | $K^+ + \text{any}$          | 6( $\pm 2$ )           |
|                                     |                                  |                     |                                       | $K^0 + \text{any}$          |                        |
|                                     |                                  |                     |                                       | plus                        |                        |
|                                     |                                  |                     |                                       | $\bar{K}^0 + \text{any}$    | 61( $\pm 8$ )          |
| $D^0, \bar{D}^0$                    | $u\bar{c}, c\bar{u}$             | 1864.6( $\pm 5$ )   | $0.410(\pm 2) \times 10^{-12}$        | $K^- + \text{any}^c$        | 53( $\pm 4$ )          |
|                                     |                                  |                     |                                       | $K^+ + \text{any}$          | 3.4( $\pm 5$ )         |
|                                     |                                  |                     |                                       | $e^+ + \text{any}$          | 6.9( $\pm 3$ )         |
|                                     |                                  |                     |                                       | $\mu^+ + \text{any}$        | 6.5( $\pm 8$ )         |
|                                     |                                  |                     |                                       | $\bar{K}^0 + \text{any}$    |                        |
|                                     |                                  |                     |                                       | plus                        |                        |
|                                     |                                  |                     |                                       | $K^0 + \text{any}$          | 42( $\pm 5$ )          |
| $D_s^\pm$                           | $c\bar{s}, s\bar{c}$             | 1968.3( $\pm 5$ )   | $0.490(\pm 9) \times 10^{-12}$        | seen                        |                        |
| $B^\pm$                             | $ub, b\bar{u}$                   | 5279.0( $\pm 5$ )   | $1.67(\pm 2) \times 10^{-12}$         | seen                        |                        |
| $B^0, \bar{B}^0$                    | $d\bar{b}, b\bar{d}$             | 5279.4( $\pm 5$ )   | $1.54(\pm 1) \times 10^{-12}$         | seen                        |                        |
| $B_s^0, \bar{B}_s^0$                | $s\bar{b}, b\bar{s}$             | 5370( $\pm 2$ )     | $1.46(\pm 6) \times 10^{-12}$         | seen                        |                        |
| $B_c^\pm$                           | $c\bar{b}, b\bar{c}$             | 6400( $\pm 400$ )   | $0.46(\pm 2) \times 10^{-12}$         | seen                        |                        |
| $\eta_c$                            | $c\bar{c}$                       | 2980( $\pm 2$ )     | 13( $\pm 4$ ) MeV                     | hadrons                     |                        |

<sup>a</sup>  $\eta$  and  $\eta'$  are linear combinations of the quark state  $(u\bar{u} + d\bar{d})/\sqrt{2}$  and  $s\bar{s}$ .

<sup>b</sup>  $D^-$  decay modes; <sup>c</sup>  $D^0$  decay modes.

| Vector Mesons ( $J^P = 1^-$ ) |  |                    |                   |  |   |
|-------------------------------|--|--------------------|-------------------|--|---|
| Particle                      | Quark Content  | Mass (MeV/ $c^2$ ) | Full Width (MeV)  | Decay Mode   | Branching Fraction (%)                              |
| $\rho^\pm$                    | $u\bar{d}, d\bar{u}$   | 775.8( $\pm 5$ )   | 150( $\pm 2$ )    | $\pi\pi$   | 100   |
| $\rho^0$                      | $(u\bar{u} - d\bar{d})/\sqrt{2}$                             |                    |                   |  |   |
| $\omega$                      | $(u\bar{u} + d\bar{d})/\sqrt{2}$                             | 782.6( $\pm 1$ )   | 8.49( $\pm 8$ )   | $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$<br>$\pi^0\gamma$<br>$\pi^+\pi^-$ | 89.1( $\pm 7$ )<br>8.9( $\pm 3$ )<br>1.7( $\pm 3$ ) |
| $\phi$                        | $s\bar{s}$   | 1019.46( $\pm 2$ ) | 4.26( $\pm 5$ )   | $K^+K^-$<br>$K_L^0K_S^0$<br>$K\pi$                 | 49.1( $\pm 6$ )<br>34.0( $\pm 5$ )<br>$\approx 100$ |
| $K^{*\pm}$                    | $u\bar{s}, s\bar{u}$   | 891.7( $\pm 3$ )   | 50.8( $\pm 9$ )   | $K\pi$   | $\approx 100$                                       |
| $K^{*0}, \bar{K}^{*0}$        | $d\bar{s}, s\bar{d}$   | 896.1( $\pm 3$ )   | 50.7( $\pm 6$ )   | $K\pi$   | $\approx 100$                                       |
| $D^{*\pm}$                    | $cd, d\bar{c}$   | 2010.0( $\pm 5$ )  | 0.1( $\pm 2$ )    | $D^0\pi^{-a}$<br>$D^-\pi^0$                        | 67.7( $\pm 5$ )<br>30.7( $\pm 5$ )                  |
| $D^{*0}, \bar{D}^{*0}$        | $u\bar{c}, c\bar{u}$   | 2006.7( $\pm 5$ )  | $< 2.1$           | $D^0\pi^{0b}$<br>$D^0\gamma$                       | 62( $\pm 3$ )<br>38( $\pm 3$ )                      |
| $D_s^{*\pm}$                  | $c\bar{s}, s\bar{c}$   | 2112.1( $\pm 7$ )  | $< 1.9$           | $D_s^\pm\gamma$<br>$D_s^\pm\pi^0$                  | 94( $\pm 3$ )<br>6( $\pm 3$ )                       |
| $B^*$                         | $u\bar{b}, b\bar{u}, d\bar{b}, b\bar{d}, s\bar{b}, b\bar{s}$ | 5325.0( $\pm 6$ )  |                   | $B\gamma$ seen                                     |   |
| $J/\psi$                      | $c\bar{c}$   | 3096.92( $\pm 1$ ) | 91( $\pm 3$ ) keV | hadrons<br>$e^+e^-$<br>$\mu^+\mu^-$                | 87.7( $\pm 5$ )<br>5.9( $\pm 1$ )<br>5.9( $\pm 1$ ) |
| $\Upsilon(1s)$                | $b\bar{b}$   | 9460.3( $\pm 3$ )  | 53( $\pm 2$ ) keV | $\tau^+\tau^-$<br>$e^+e^-$<br>$\mu^+\mu^-$         | 2.7( $\pm 2$ )<br>2.4( $\pm 1$ )<br>2.48( $\pm 6$ ) |

<sup>a</sup>  $D^{*-}$  decay modes; <sup>b</sup>  $D^{*0}$  decay modes.

| <b>Baryons (<math>J^P = 1/2^+</math>)</b> |                      |                      |                                   |   |  |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Particle                                  | Quark Content        | Mass (MeV/ $c^2$ )   | Mean Life (s) or Full Width (MeV) | Decay Mode  | Branching Fraction (%)                               |
| p   | uud                  | 938.27203( $\pm 8$ ) | $> 2.1 \times 10^{29}$ years      |   |  |
| n   | udd                  | 939.56536( $\pm 8$ ) | 885.7( $\pm 8$ )                  | $pe^- \bar{\nu}_e$                                | 100  |
| $\Lambda^0$                               | uds                  | 1115.683( $\pm 6$ )  | $2.63(\pm 2) \times 10^{-10}$     | $p\pi^-$<br>$n\pi^0$                              | 63.9( $\pm 5$ )<br>35.8( $\pm 5$ )                   |
| $\Sigma^+$                                | uus                  | 1189.37( $\pm 7$ )   | $0.802(\pm 3) \times 10^{-10}$    | $p\pi^0$<br>$n\pi^+$                              | 51.6( $\pm 3$ )<br>48.3( $\pm 3$ )                   |
| $\Sigma^0$                                | uds                  | 1192.64( $\pm 2$ )   | $7.4(\pm 7) \times 10^{-20}$      | $\Lambda^0 \gamma$                                | 100  |
| $\Sigma^-$                                | dds                  | 1197.45( $\pm 3$ )   | $1.48(\pm 1) \times 10^{-10}$     | $n\pi^-$  | 99.848( $\pm 5$ )                                    |
| $\Xi^0$                                   | uss                  | 1314.8( $\pm 2$ )    | $2.90(\pm 9) \times 10^{-10}$     | $\Lambda^0 \pi^0$                                 | 99.52( $\pm 3$ )                                     |
| $\Xi^-$                                   | dss                  | 1321.3( $\pm 1$ )    | $1.64(\pm 2) \times 10^{-10}$     | $\Lambda^0 \pi^-$                                 | 99.89( $\pm 4$ )                                     |
| $\Lambda_c^+$                             | udc                  | 2284.9( $\pm 6$ )    | $2.00(\pm 6) \times 10^{-13}$     | seen  |  |
| $\Lambda_b$                               | udb                  | 5624( $\pm 9$ )      | $1.23(\pm 8) \times 10^{-12}$     | seen  |  |
| <b>Baryons (<math>J^P = 3/2^+</math>)</b> |                      |                      |                                   |   |  |
| $\Delta$                                  | uuu, uud<br>udd, ddd | $\approx 1232$       | $\approx 120$                     | $N\pi$  | $> 99$   |
| $\Sigma^*$                                | uus, uds, dds        | $\approx 1385$       | $\approx 36$                      | $\Lambda^0 \pi$<br>$\Sigma \pi$                   | 88( $\pm 2$ )<br>12( $\pm 2$ )                       |
| $\Xi^*$                                   | uss, dss             | $\approx 1530$       | $\approx 9$                       | $\Xi \pi$   | 100  |
| $\Omega^-$                                | sss                  | 1672.5( $\pm 3$ )    | $0.82(\pm 1) \times 10^{-10}$     | $\Lambda^0 K^-$<br>$\Xi^0 \pi^-$<br>$\Xi^- \pi^0$ | 67.8( $\pm 7$ )<br>23.6( $\pm 7$ )<br>8.6( $\pm 4$ ) |

# APPENDIX C: Rutherford Scattering from a Coulomb potential

Consider relativistic elastic scattering from a Coulomb potential,

$$V(\vec{r}) = -\frac{\alpha}{r}.$$

The matrix element is given by

$$|M_{if}|^2 = \left| \int \exp(i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{r}) V(\vec{r}) d^3\vec{r} \right|^2.$$

In order to perform the integral, choose the  $z$  axis to lie along  $\vec{r}$ . Then  $\vec{p} \cdot \vec{r} = pr \cos \theta$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \int \exp(i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{r}) V(\vec{r}) d^3\vec{r} &= \int_0^\infty \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi V(r) \exp(ipr \cos \theta) r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi dr \\ &= \int_0^\infty \int_{-1}^1 2\pi V(r) \exp(ipr \cos \theta) r^2 d(\cos \theta) dr \\ &= \int_0^\infty 2\pi V(r) r^2 \left( \frac{\exp(ipr) - \exp(-ipr)}{ipr} \right) dr \\ &= \int_0^\infty 2\pi V(r) r^2 \frac{2 \sin(pr)}{pr} dr. \end{aligned}$$

The potential,  $V(\vec{r}) = -\alpha/r$ , gives an ill-defined integral,  $\int_0^\infty \sin(pr) dr$  (keeps oscillating). Therefore, a screening term  $\exp(-r/a)$  where  $a$  is the screening parameter, is introduced to perform the integral:

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^\infty 2\pi r^2 \left( \frac{\exp(ipr) - \exp(-ipr)}{ipr} \right) \left( -\frac{\alpha}{r} \exp(r/a) \right) dr \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{2\pi\alpha}{ip} (\exp(-i(p + 1/a)r) - \exp(i(p - 1/a)r)) dr \\ &= \frac{2\pi\alpha}{ip} \left[ \frac{\exp(-i(p + 1/a)r)}{(p + 1/a)} + \frac{\exp(-i(p - 1/a)r)}{(p - 1/a)} \right]_0^\infty \\ &= \frac{2\pi\alpha}{ip} \left[ \frac{1}{(p + 1/a)} + \frac{1}{p - 1/a} \right] \\ &= \frac{4\pi\alpha}{p^2 - 1/a^2}. \end{aligned}$$

When  $a \rightarrow \infty$ , there is zero screening and the matrix element becomes

$$\underline{|M_{if}|^2 = \frac{16\pi^2\alpha^2}{p^4}}$$