

Particle Physics

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- (a) An electron is an example of a *lepton* and a proton is an example of a *hadron*.
State a property of a hadron.

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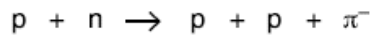
- (b) State the charge, in terms of the elementary charge *e*, on an up quark and a down quark.

charge on up quark = *e* charge on down quark = *e* [1]

- (c) The quark composition of a neutron is u d d.
State the quark composition of a proton.

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- (d) In large particle accelerators, short-lived particles called pions are created by colliding high-speed protons (*p*) with stationary neutrons (*n*). The equation below shows a reaction in which a negative pion (π^-) is produced.



The π^- particle consists of a quark and an anti-quark.
 Use the information provided about the neutron and your answer to (c) to write an equation for the reaction in terms of up (*u*) and down (*d*) quarks. Hence determine the quark composition of the π^- particle.

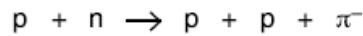
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(e) (i) State Einstein's mass-energy equation and define all the terms.

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(ii) In the reaction



the π^- particle is produced when the proton colliding with a stationary neutron has a minimum kinetic energy of 1.4×10^8 eV. The mass of a proton and a neutron may be assumed to be the same.

Calculate the mass of the π^- particle.

mass = kg [2]

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Fig. 6.1 shows the quark composition of some particles.


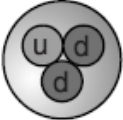
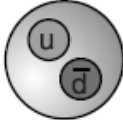
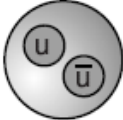

proton	neutron	A	B	C
				

Fig. 6.1

(i) Identify the anti-proton from the table of particles shown in Fig. 6.1.

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(ii) State the value of the charge of particle B.

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