

HOMEWORK 3

*Homework should be handed in to F10 by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 17 November 2017.*

1. Explain the detector arrangement and the roles of detector components in the CP-violation experiment of Christenson *et al.* Explain the procedure of data analysis and calibrations. [5]
2. Sketch the deep inelastic electron-nucleon scattering process showing main elements: the exchanged photon, the electron and the target nucleon. Explain how the measurements of the differential cross-section at various energies and angles of the electron in the final state can be used to measure the nucleon structure functions. [5]
3. Neglecting the masses of the electron and neutrinos, the energy spectrum of electrons emitted in muon decay, is given by:

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dE} = \frac{2G_F^2(m_\mu c^2)^2 E^2}{(2\pi)^3(\hbar c)^6} \left(1 - \frac{4E}{3m_\mu c^2}\right), \quad \text{where } \frac{G_F}{(\hbar c)^3} = 1.166 \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}.$$

What is the most probable energy for the electron?

The most probable energy is also the maximum energy of the electron. Integrate the energy spectrum to obtain a formula for the total decay width of the muon,  $\Gamma$ .

Using Heisenberg uncertainty principle,  $\Gamma \times \tau = \hbar$ , calculate the muon lifetime in seconds. [5]

4. The reaction  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  is studied using colliding beams each of energy 7 GeV (total energy in the centre of mass 14 GeV). The reaction is predominantly electromagnetic at this energy. Draw its Feynman diagram. The differential cross-section of this reaction is given by:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2 \hbar^2 c^2}{4E_{\text{CM}}^2} (1 + \cos^2 \theta),$$

where  $E_{\text{CM}}$  is the total centre of mass energy and  $\theta$  is the scattering angle with respect to the beam line. Calculate the total cross-section in barns at this energy.

If a detector can only detect particles that make an angle of at least  $30^\circ$  with respect to the beam line, what fraction of events will be recorded? [5]