

Homework #2

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1. If a low-energy  $\pi^-$  stops in deuterium, it can be captured in an atomic orbit (s-wave) and then interact with the nucleus. Are the following reactions allowed? Justify your answers fully. The deuteron is  $J^P = 1^+$ .
  - a.  $\pi^- d \rightarrow \pi^0 nn$
  - b.  $\pi^- d \rightarrow \gamma nn$
  
2. Are the following decays forbidden by either P or C? Justify. The  $\eta$  ( $m=549$  MeV) is a pseudoscalar meson ( $J^{PC}=0^{-+}$ ).
  - a.  $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi^0$
  - b.  $\eta \rightarrow 3\gamma$
  - c.  $\eta \rightarrow 2\pi^0$
  - d.  $\eta \rightarrow 2\gamma$
  - e.  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0\gamma$
  
3. The  $\rho$  is a vector meson ( $J^{PC}=1^{--}$ ). Are the following decays allowed? Justify.
  - a.  $\rho \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$
  - b.  $\rho \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0$
  - c.  $\rho \rightarrow e^+e^-$
  
4. Problem 3.5
  
5. Problem 3.6
  
6. Problem 3.8