NOTES

[*a*] The masses of the p and n are most precisely known in u (unified atomic mass units). The conversion factor to MeV, 1 u = 931.49432 ± 0.00028 MeV, is less well known than are the masses in u.

[*b*] The limit is from neutrality-of-matter experiments; it assumes $q_n = q_p + q_e$. See also the charge of the neutron.

[*c*] The first limit is geochemical and independent of decay mode. The second entry, a range of limits, assumes the dominant decay modes are among those investigated. For antiprotons the best limit, inferred from the observation of cosmic ray $\overline{p}$'s is $\tau_{\overline{p}} > 10^7$ yr, the cosmic-ray storage time, but this limit depends on a number of assumptions. The best direct observation of stored antiprotons gives $\tau_{\overline{p}}/\mathrm{B}(\overline{p} \to e^- \gamma) > 1848$ yr.

[*d*] There is some controversy about whether nuclear physics and model dependence complicate the analysis for bound neutrons (from which the best limit comes). The second limit here is from reactor experiments with free neutrons.

[*e*] The parameters g_A, g_V, and g_{WM} for semileptonic modes are defined by $\overline{B}_f[\gamma_\lambda(g_V + g_A\gamma_5) + i(g_{WM}/m_{B_i})\,\sigma_{\lambda\nu}\,q^\nu]B_i$, and ϕ_{AV} is defined by $g_A/g_V = |g_A/g_V|e^{i\phi_{AV}}$. See the "Note on Baryon Decay Parameters" in the neutron Particle Listings.

[*f*] Time-reversal invariance requires this to be 0° or 180°.

[*g*] The decay parameters γ and Δ are calculated from α and ϕ using

$$\gamma = \sqrt{1-\alpha^2}\,\cos\phi\,, \qquad \tan\Delta = -\frac{1}{\alpha}\,\sqrt{1-\alpha^2}\,\sin\phi\,.$$

See the "Note on Baryon Decay Parameters" in the neutron Particle Listings.

[*h*] See the Particle Listings for the pion momentum range used in this measurement.

[*i*] The error given here is only an educated guess. It is larger than the error on the weighted average of the published values.

[*j*] A theoretical value using QED.

[*k*] This branching fraction includes all the decay modes of the final-state resonance.

[*l*] ℓ indicates e or μ mode, not sum over modes.

[*m*] The value is for the sum of the charge states of particle/antiparticle states indicated.

[*n*] Not a pure measurement. See note at head of Λ_b^0 Decay Modes.