## Fundamental constants

Newton's constant:  $G = 6.6743 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3/\text{kg s}^2$ 

Coulomb's constant:  $k = 8.9876 \times 10^9 \text{ kg m}^3/\text{C}^2 \text{ s}^2$ 

Speed of sound: v = 340 m/s

Hubble's constant: H = 0.022 (m/s)/ly

Age of Universe:  $1/H = 1.4 \times 10^{10} \text{ yr}$ 

Planck's constant:  $h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$ 

Speed of light:  $c = 2.9979 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ 

Mass of the electron:  $m_e = 9.1094 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$ 

Mass of the proton:  $m_p = 1.6726 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} = 1.0073 \text{ u}$ 

Mass of the neutron:  $m_n = 1.6749 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} = 1.0087 \text{ u}$ 

Charge of the proton:  $e = 1.6022 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$ 

Charge of the electron:  $-e = -1.6022 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$ 

Fine structure constant:  $\alpha = 2\pi ke^2/hc = 1/137.036$ 

Bohr radius:  $a = h^2/4\pi^2 m_e e^2 = 5.2918 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$ 

## Conversion factors

1 in = 2.54 cm

1 ly  $= 9.4605 \times 10^{15} \text{ m}$ 

1 pc  $= 3.0857 \times 10^{16} \text{ m}$ 

1 yr  $= 3.156 \times 10^7 \text{ s}$ 

 $1 \text{ u} = 1.6605 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ 

 $1 \text{ MeV}/c^2 = 1.7827 \times 10^{-30} \text{ kg}$ 

 $1 \text{ eV} = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$ 

1 kwh =  $3.600 \times 10^6 \text{ J}$