

Quiz4

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electron and positron have mass $0.511 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

$$KE_e^i + KE_p^i = 2 \text{ GeV} + 2 \text{ GeV} = 4 \text{ GeV}$$

$$E_i = KE_e^i + KE_p^i + 2m_e c^2 = 4 \text{ GeV} + 1.022 \text{ MeV} \approx 4.001 \text{ GeV}$$

$$E_f = E_i = 4.001 \text{ GeV}$$

$$KE_\tau^f + KE_{\bar{\tau}}^f + 2m_\tau c^2 = E_f = 4.001 \text{ GeV}$$

$$KE_\tau^f = \frac{4.001 \text{ GeV} - 2(1777 \text{ MeV}/c^2) c^2}{2}$$

$$= \frac{4001 \text{ MeV} - 3554 \text{ MeV}}{2}$$

$$= 223.5 \text{ MeV}$$

$$KE_\tau^f = m_\tau c^2 (\gamma - 1) = (1777 \text{ MeV}/c^2) c^2 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (v/c)^2}} - 1 \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 223.5 \text{ MeV} = \frac{1777 \text{ MeV}}{\sqrt{1 - (v/c)^2}} - 1777 \text{ MeV}$$

$$2000.5 \text{ MeV} \sqrt{1 - (v/c)^2} = 1777 \text{ MeV}$$

$$1 - (v/c)^2 = \left(\frac{1777}{2000.5} \right)^2$$

$$\left(\frac{v}{c} \right)^2 = 1 - \left(\frac{1777}{2000.5} \right)^2$$

$$V = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{1777}{2050.5}\right)^2} c$$

$$V = 0.4593 c$$

life time: $T_0 = 2.9 \times 10^{-13} s$

by time dilation. let T be the life time of the particle in lab frame. we can write:

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \gamma T_0 = \frac{T_0}{\sqrt{1 - (V/c)^2}} \\ &= \frac{2.9 \times 10^{-13} s}{\sqrt{1 - 0.4593^2}} = 3.2647 \times 10^{-13} s \end{aligned}$$

Then the distance d traveled by the particle τ in lab frame is given by the following:

$$\begin{aligned} d &= T v = (3.2647 \times 10^{-13} s)(0.4593 c) \\ &= (3.2647 \times 10^{-13} s)(0.4593)(3 \times 10^8 m/s) \\ &= 4.498 \times 10^{-5} m \end{aligned}$$