

Fundamentals in Nuclear Physics 原子核基礎

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Nuclear decays and fundamental interactions

Four fundamental interactions

| interaction 相互作用 | exchanged particle (gauge boson) | decay 壊変 |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| gravity 重力 | graviton 重力子 | |
| weak 弱い相互作用 | W^\pm, Z^0 | beta decay |
| electromagnetic 電磁相互作用 | photon 光子 | gamma decay |
| strong 強い相互作用 | gluon グルーオン | |
| nuclear force 核力 | pion and other hadrons | |

alpha decay



tunnel effect

壊変（崩壊）速度

自然幅

Decay rate, natural width

probability to decay in an interval dt

$$dP = \frac{dt}{\tau} = \lambda dt$$

λ ← decay rate 壊変（崩壊）速度
 τ ← mean life time 平均寿命

number of unstable nuclei $N(t) = N(t=0)e^{-t/\tau}$

half life 半減期 $t_{1/2} = (\ln 2)\tau = 0.693\tau$

${}^7\text{Li} (7.459 \text{ MeV}) \rightarrow \text{n} {}^6\text{Li}, {}^3\text{H} {}^4\text{He} \quad \tau = 6 \times 10^{-21} \text{ sec}$

${}^{76}\text{Ge} \rightarrow {}^{76}\text{Se} 2e^- 2\bar{\nu}_e \quad t_{1/2} = 1.78 \times 10^{21} \text{ yr} > 10^{11} \times (\text{age of universe}) !$

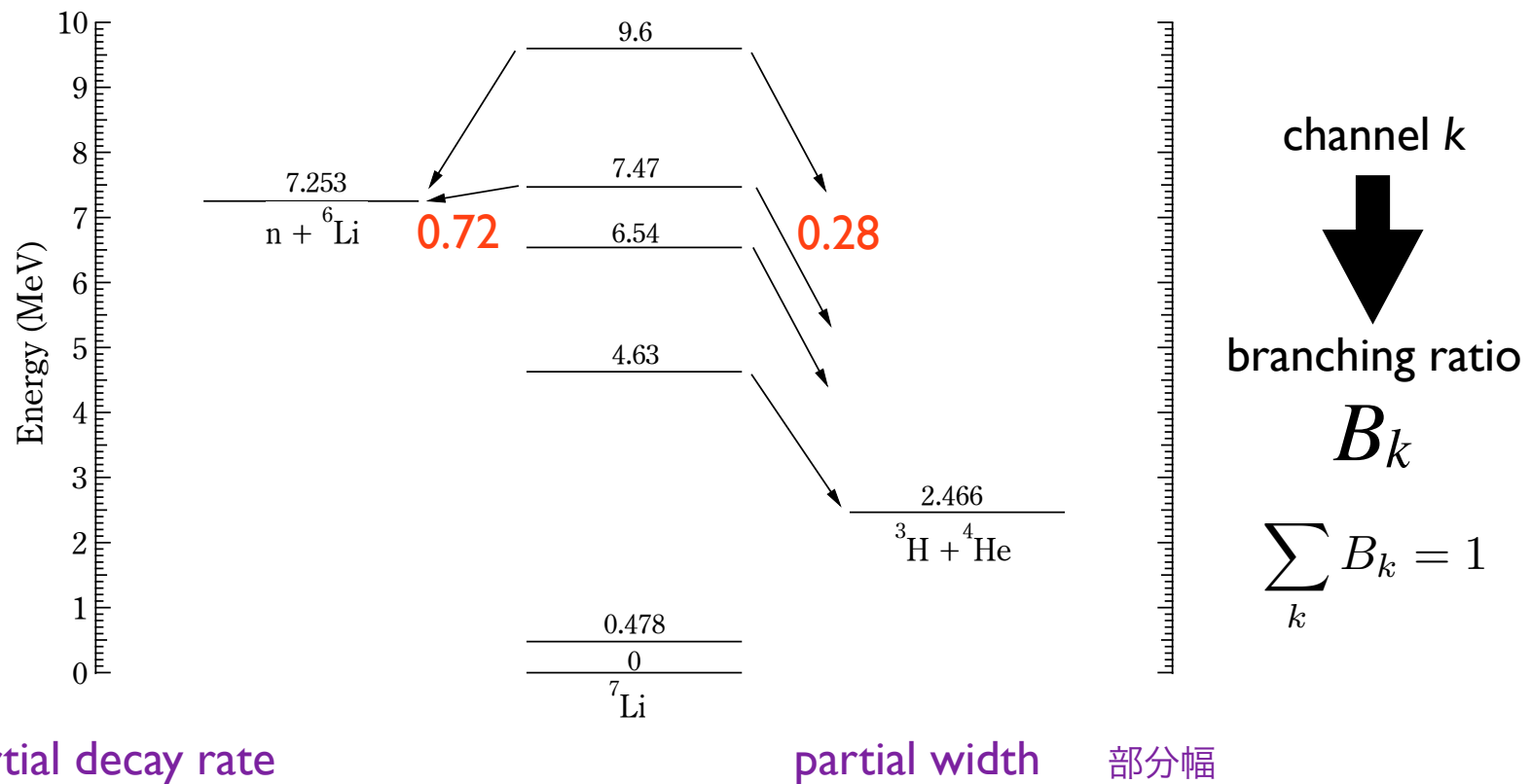
An unstable particle has an energy uncertainty or “natural width”

$$\Gamma = \hbar\lambda = \frac{\hbar}{\tau} = \frac{6.58 \times 10^{-22} \text{ MeV sec}}{\tau}$$

分岐比

Branching ratio

- Often, an unstable state (nucleus, isotope) has more than one decay channels.

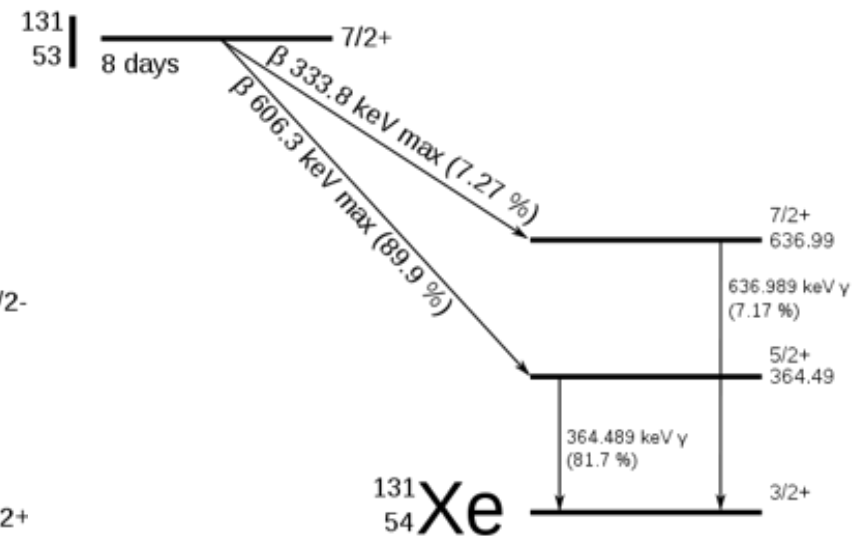
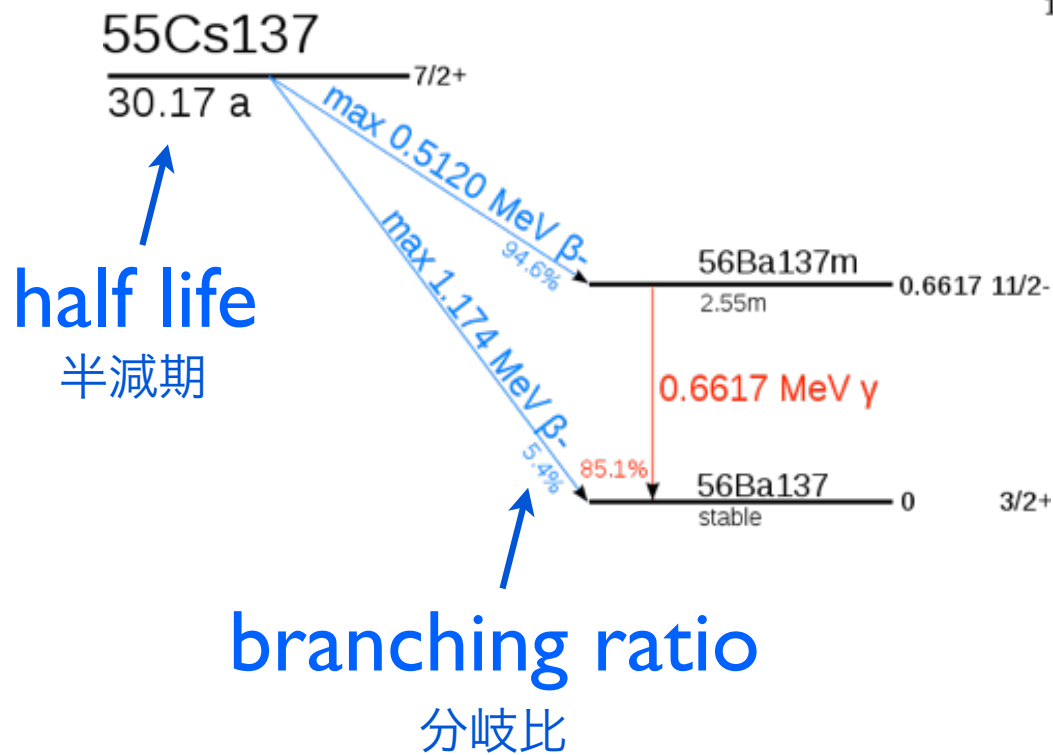


$$\lambda_k = B_k \lambda \quad \sum_k \lambda_k = \lambda$$

$$\Gamma_k = B_k \Gamma \quad \sum_k \Gamma_k = \Gamma$$

壊変図

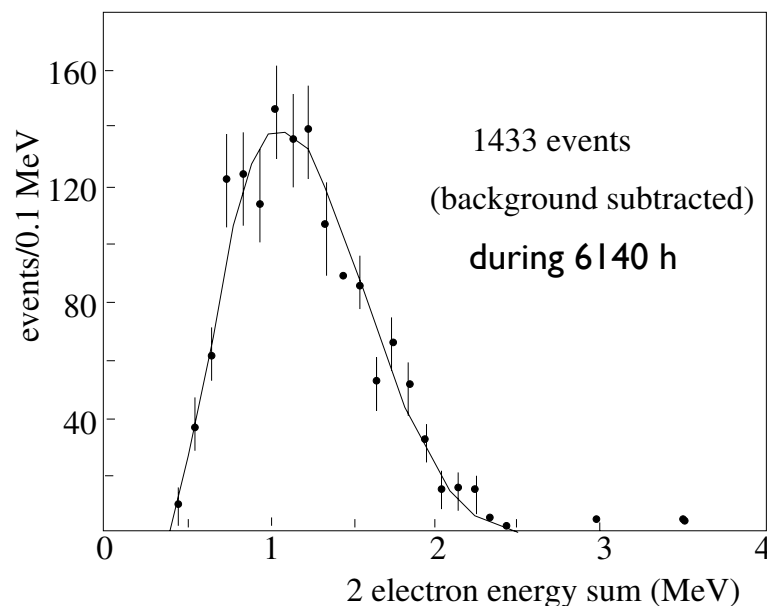
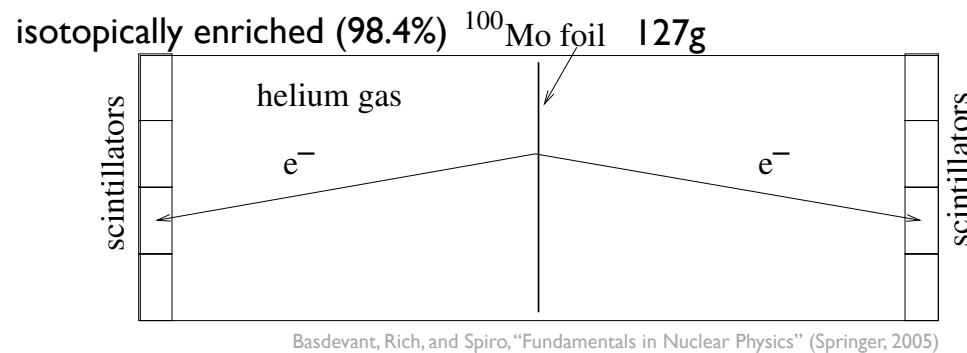
Decay diagram



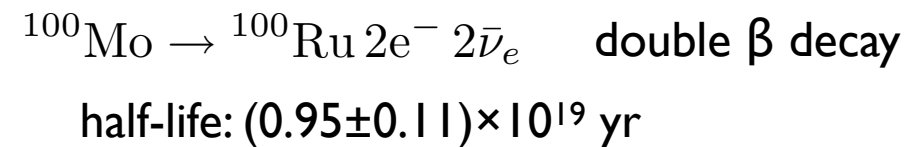
Measurement of half life

半減期の測定

$\tau > 10^8$ yr (α decay, double β decay)



- still present on Earth
- can be chemically and isotopically isolated in macroscopic quantity
- detected decays, quantity \rightarrow lifetime



$10 \text{ min} < \tau < 10^8 \text{ yr}$ (α decay, β decay)

- no longer present on Earth and must be produced in nuclear reactions
- purify chemically or isotopically
- detect decays and derive τ

$10^{-10} \text{ s} < \tau < 10^3 \text{ s}$ (α decay, β decay, γ decay)

- chemical and isotopic purification impossible
- particles produced in nuclear reactions, slowed down, and stopped
- detect decays and derive τ

$\tau < 10^{-10} \text{ s}$ (γ decay, dissociation)

- standard timing techniques not applicable
- a variety of ingenious techniques: Doppler-shift attenuation method, Mössbauer spectroscopy

壊変速度の計算式

Formula for decay rates

decay

$$a \xrightarrow{T} \underbrace{b_1 + b_2 + \cdots + b_N}_{|f\rangle}$$

interaction 変化を引き起こす相互作用

静止質量 rest mass M
energy $E = Mc^2$

$|f\rangle$ state of final particles 終状態

decay rate probability per unit time that a decays into f
粒子 a が単位時間に状態 f に壊変する確率

$$\lambda_{a \rightarrow f} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |\langle f | T | a \rangle|^2 \delta \left(Mc^2 - \sum_j E_j \right)$$

transition matrix element
遷移行列要素

energy conservation
エネルギー保存

Fermi's golden rule
フェルミの黄金則

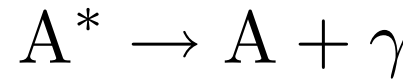
Gamma decay

ガンマ壊変 (崩壊)

Energetics

エネルギーについての考察

gamma decay



gamma ray ガンマ線

spontaneous emission 自然放出

unstable high-energy state

(stable) low-energy state

$$m_{A^*} > m_A$$

$$m_{A^*} - m_A \ll m_A$$

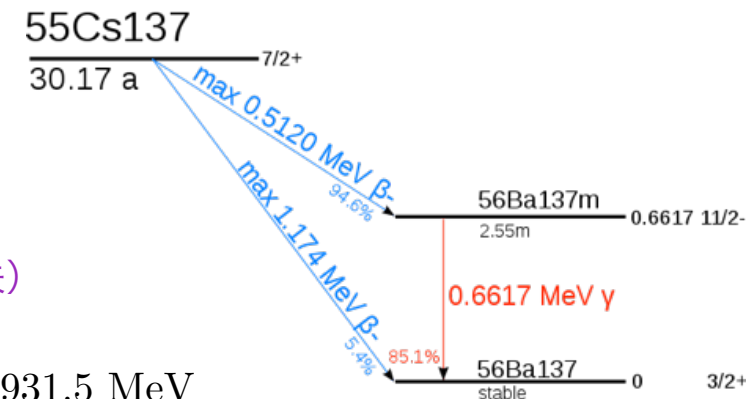
momentum conservation $p = \frac{E_\gamma}{c}$ 運動量保存

energy conservation エネルギー保存

$$E_\gamma + \frac{p^2}{2m_A} = (m_{A^*} - m_A) c^2$$

recoil energy (energy loss)
反跳エネルギー (エネルギー損失)

$$E_R = \frac{E_\gamma^2}{2m_A c^2} \quad m_A c^2 \simeq A \times 931.5 \text{ MeV}$$



➡ $E_R \ll E_\gamma \quad E_\gamma \simeq (m_{A^*} - m_A) c^2 \quad \text{but } E_R > \Gamma \quad \text{in general}$

Emitted gamma rays are not resonantly re-absorbed by other nuclei in gases

電気双極子遷移

Electric-dipole transitions

Classical image 古典電磁気学的なイメージ

radiation from an oscillating electric dipole

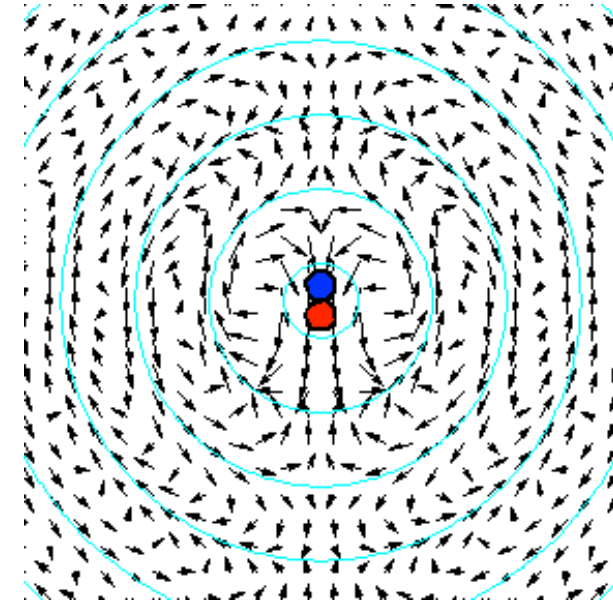
振動する電気双極子からの古典的な放射

Quantum mechanically 量子力学的には

$$\text{rate } \lambda_{i \rightarrow f} = \frac{4\alpha}{3} \frac{q^2}{e^2} \frac{E_\gamma^3}{\hbar^3 c^2} |\langle f | \mathbf{r} | i \rangle|^2$$

fine-structure constant 微細構造定数 $\alpha = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar c} \simeq \frac{1}{137}$

$$\langle f | \mathbf{r} | i \rangle = \int d^3\mathbf{r} \psi_f^*(\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{r} \psi_i(\mathbf{r})$$



<http://www.eto.titech.ac.jp/contents/sub04/chapter02.html>

Atomic transition

$$\hbar\omega \sim \text{eV} \quad \langle r \rangle \sim 10^{-10} \text{ m} \quad \tau \sim 10^{-9} - 10^{-7} \text{ s} \quad \Gamma = \hbar/\tau \sim 10^{-7} \text{ eV} \ll \hbar\omega$$

$$\gg E_R = E_\gamma^2 / (2m_A c^2) \sim 10^{-9} \text{ eV}$$

Nuclear transition

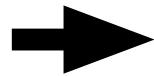
$$\langle r \rangle \sim A^{1/3} 10^{-15} \text{ m} \quad \lambda(E1) \sim \frac{\alpha E_\gamma^3}{\hbar} \left(\frac{A^{1/3} \text{ fm}}{\hbar c} \right)^2$$

$$E_\gamma \sim \text{MeV} \quad \tau \sim 10^{-17} - 10^{-15} \text{ s} \quad \Gamma \sim 10 \text{ eV} \ll E_\gamma$$

多重極遷移

Higher multi-pole transitions

Often, electric-dipole (E1) decay is forbidden. $\langle f | \mathbf{r} | i \rangle = 0$

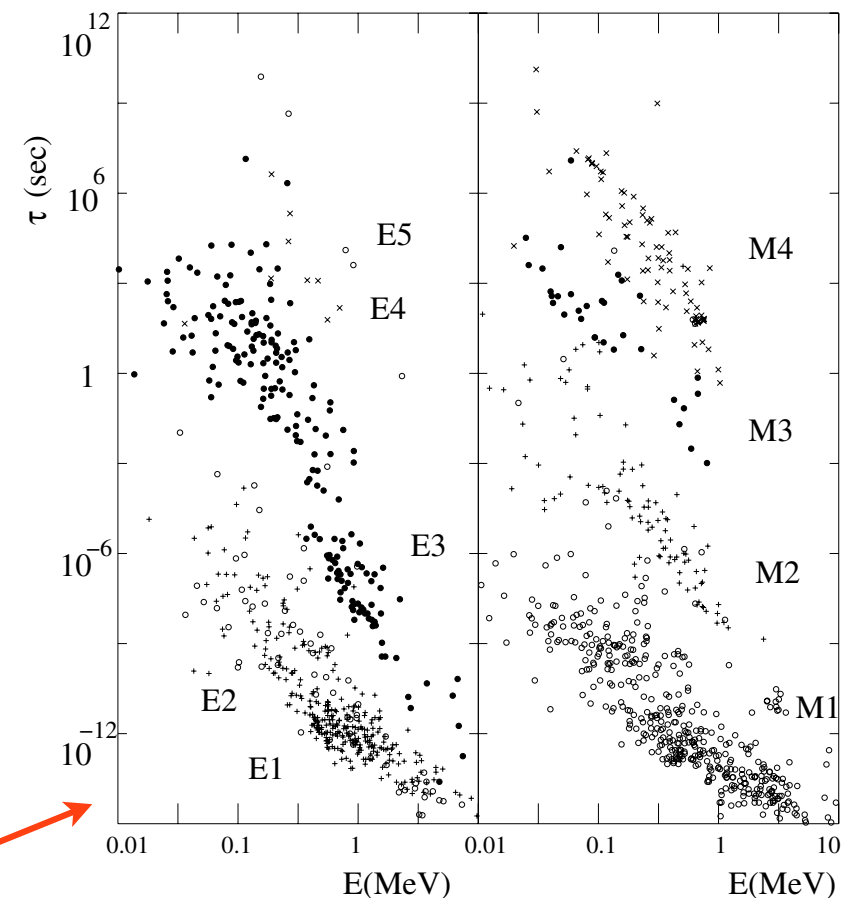


may still decay radiatively by higher-order and slower processes

Table 4.1. Selection rules for radiative transitions

| type | symbol | angular momentum change $ \Delta J \leq$ | parity change |
|---------------------|--------|---|------------------|
| electric dipole | E1 | 1 | yes |
| magnetic dipole | M1 | 1 | no |
| electric quadrupole | E2 | 2 | no |
| magnetic quadrupole | M2 | 2 | yes |
| electric octopole | E3 | 3 | yes |
| magnetic octopole | M3 | 3 | no |
| electric 16-pole | E4 | 4 | no |
| magnetic 16-pole | M4 | 4 | yes |

Basdevant, Rich, and Spiro, "Fundamentals in Nuclear Physics" (Springer, 2005)



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Lifetime of excited nuclear states as a function of E_γ for various multipoles

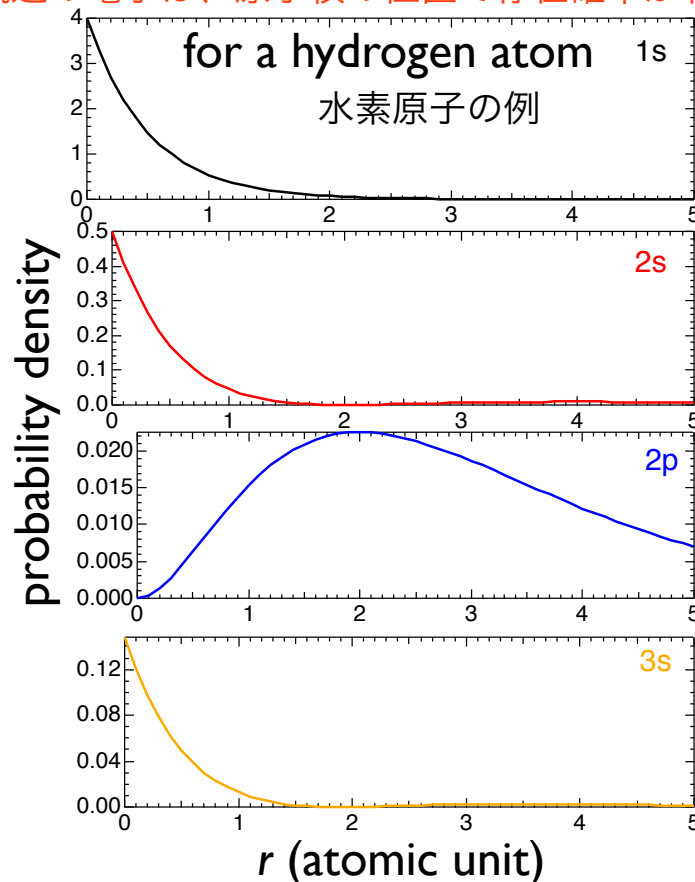
内部転換

Internal conversion

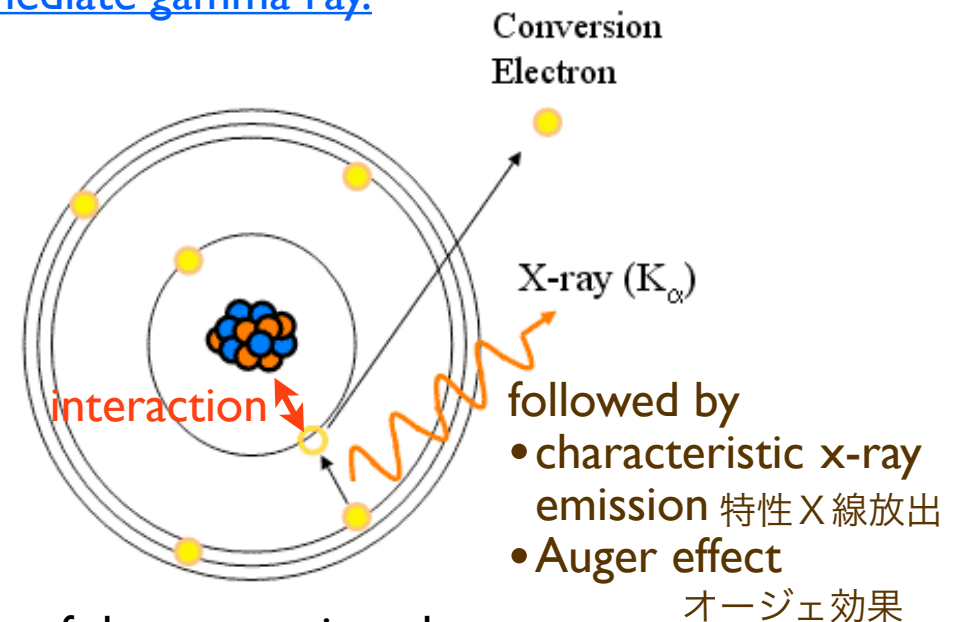
An excited nucleus can interact with an electron in one of the lower atomic orbitals, causing the electron to be emitted (ejected) from the atom.

s-electrons have finite probability density at the nuclear position.

s軌道の電子は、原子核の位置で存在確率が有限



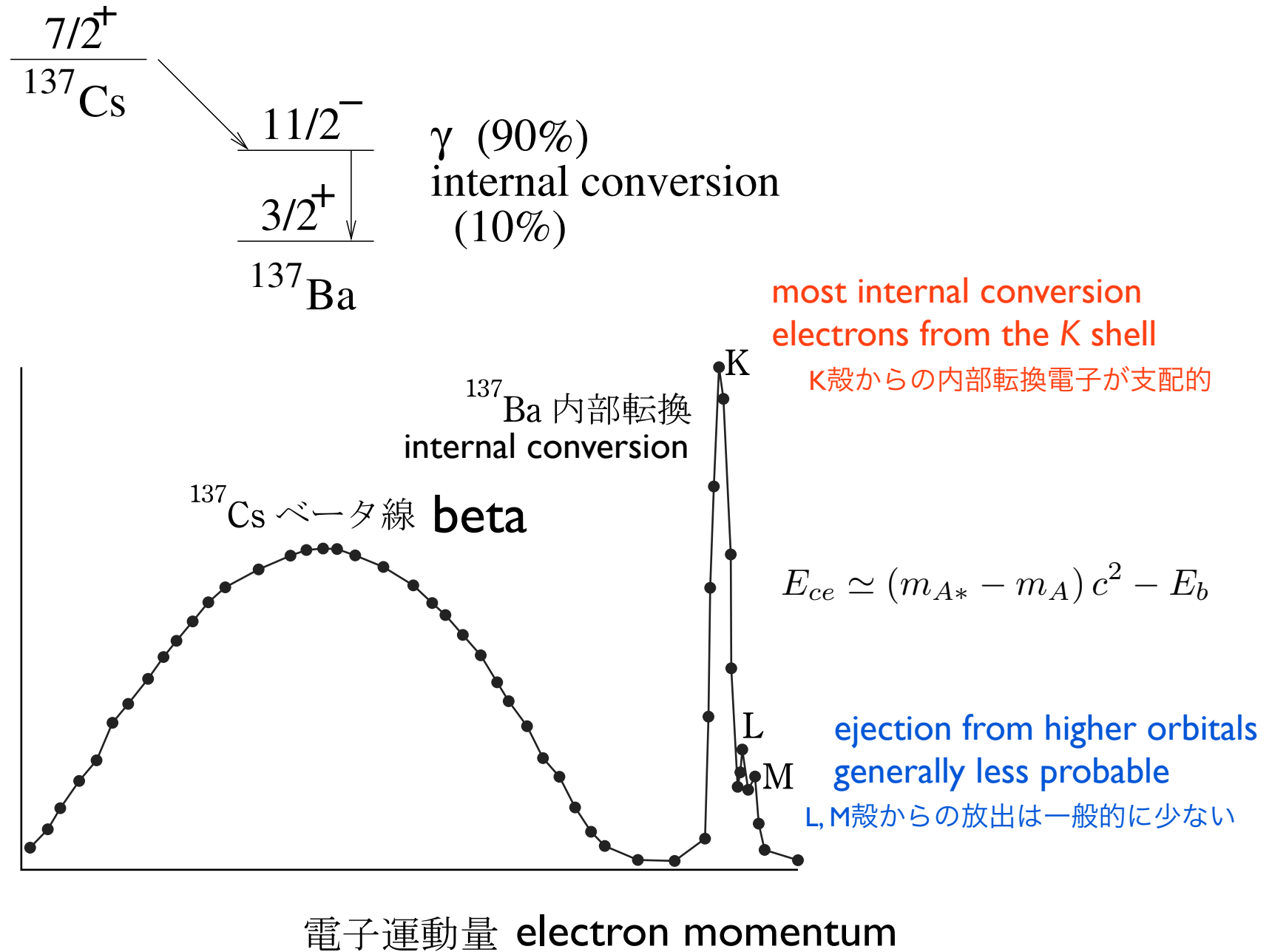
The electron may couple to the excited state of the nucleus and take the energy of the nuclear transition directly, without an intermediate gamma ray.



Energy of the conversion electron

$$E_{ce} \simeq (m_{A^*} - m_A) c^2 - E_b \simeq E_{\gamma} - E_b$$

binding energy of the electron



メスbauer効果

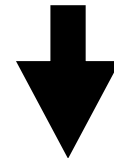
Mössbauer effect

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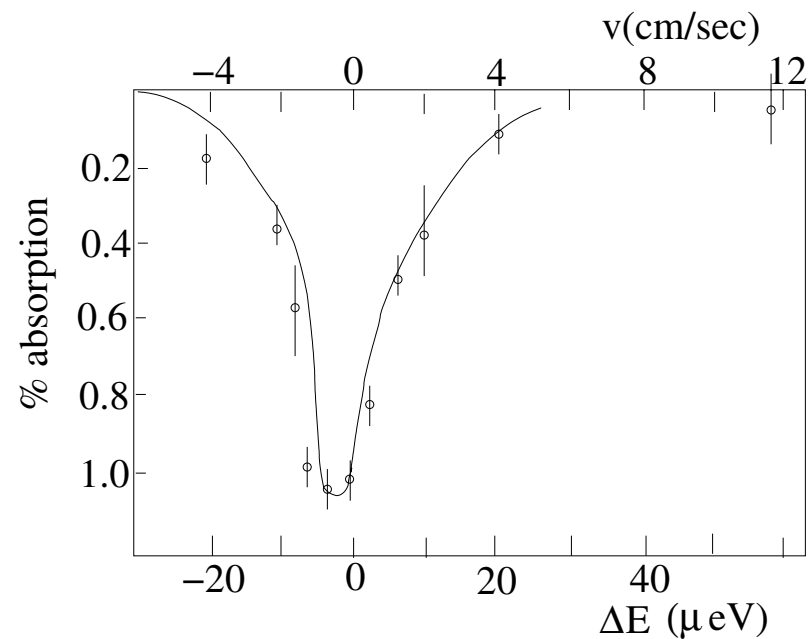
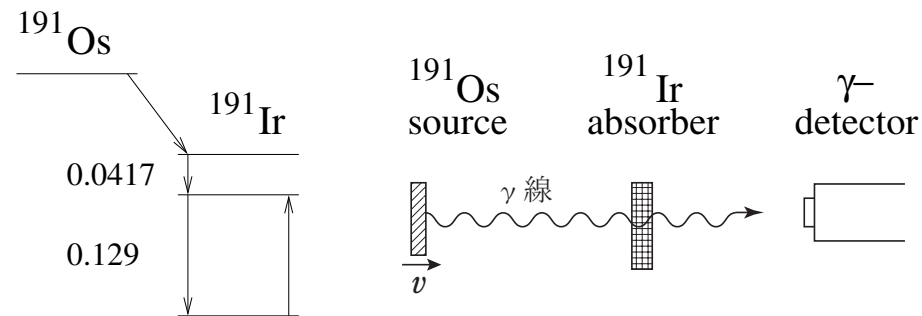
but ...

Inverse transition (resonant re-absorption) possible when

- nuclear recoil is suppressed in a crystal (“very very large m_A ”) ← Mössbauer effect (discovered in 1957)
- the excited nucleus decays in flight with the Doppler effect compensating the nuclear recoil

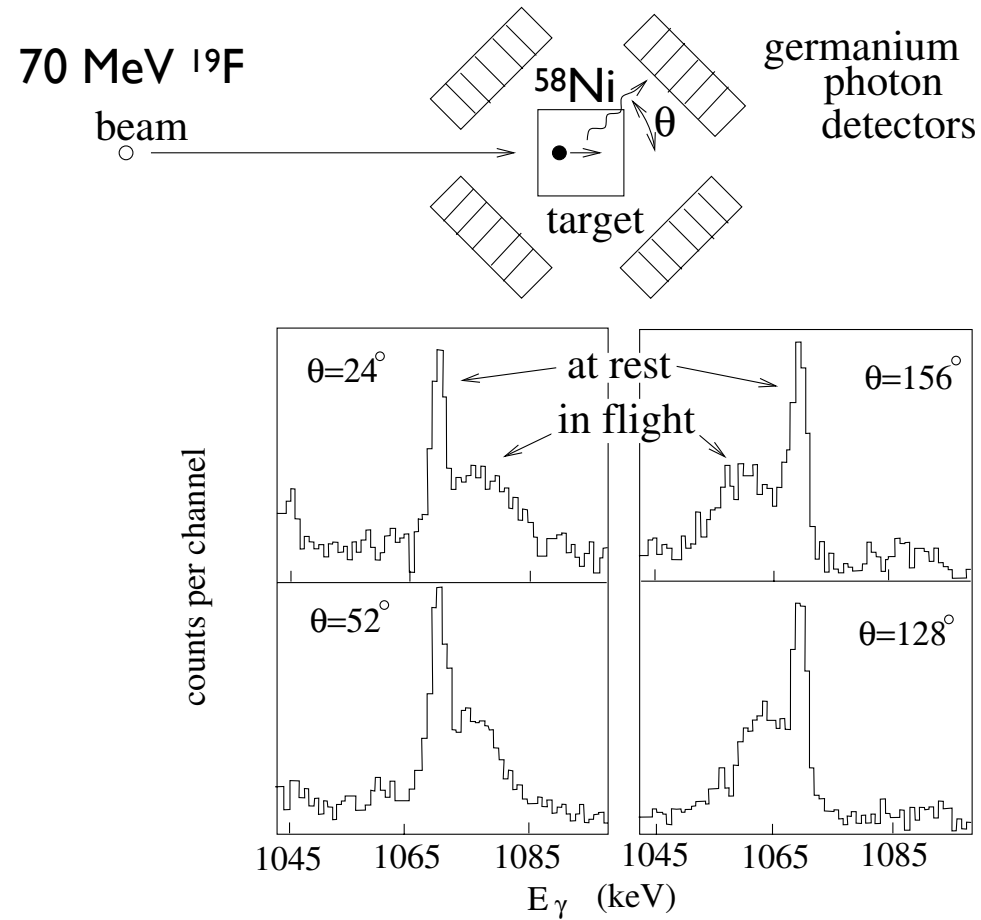
メスバウアー分光による寿命測定

Mössbauer spectroscopy



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Doppler-shift attenuation method



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^{74}Br 1068 keV gamma-ray \rightarrow 0.25 ps lifetime

メスバウアー効果

ドップラーシフト

Mössbauer effect + Doppler shift ➡

一般相対性理論の検証

Test of Albert Einstein's theory of general relativity

by Pound and Rebka, 1959

- Gravitational red shift of light
- Clocks run differently at different places in a gravitational field

Gravitational shift

$$h(f_r - f_e) = mgH$$

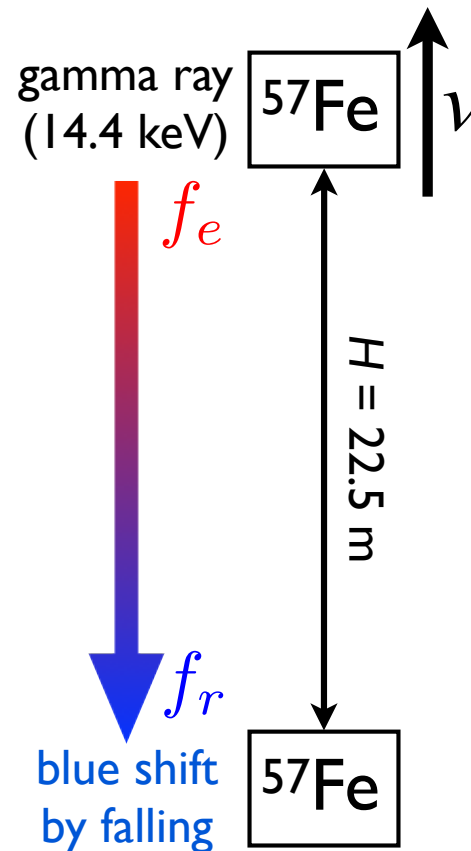
$$hf_e = mc^2$$

$$\frac{f_r}{f_e} = 1 + \frac{gH}{c^2}$$

Doppler shift

$$\frac{f_r}{f_e} = \sqrt{\frac{1 - v/c}{1 + v/c}} \approx 1 - \frac{v}{c}$$

➡ $v = \frac{gH}{c} = 7.36 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m/s}$



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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pound%E2%80%93Rebka_experiment

Weak interaction and beta decay

弱い相互作用とベータ壊変（ベータ崩壊）

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| nuclear force 核力 | pion and other hadrons | |

alpha decay



tunnel effect

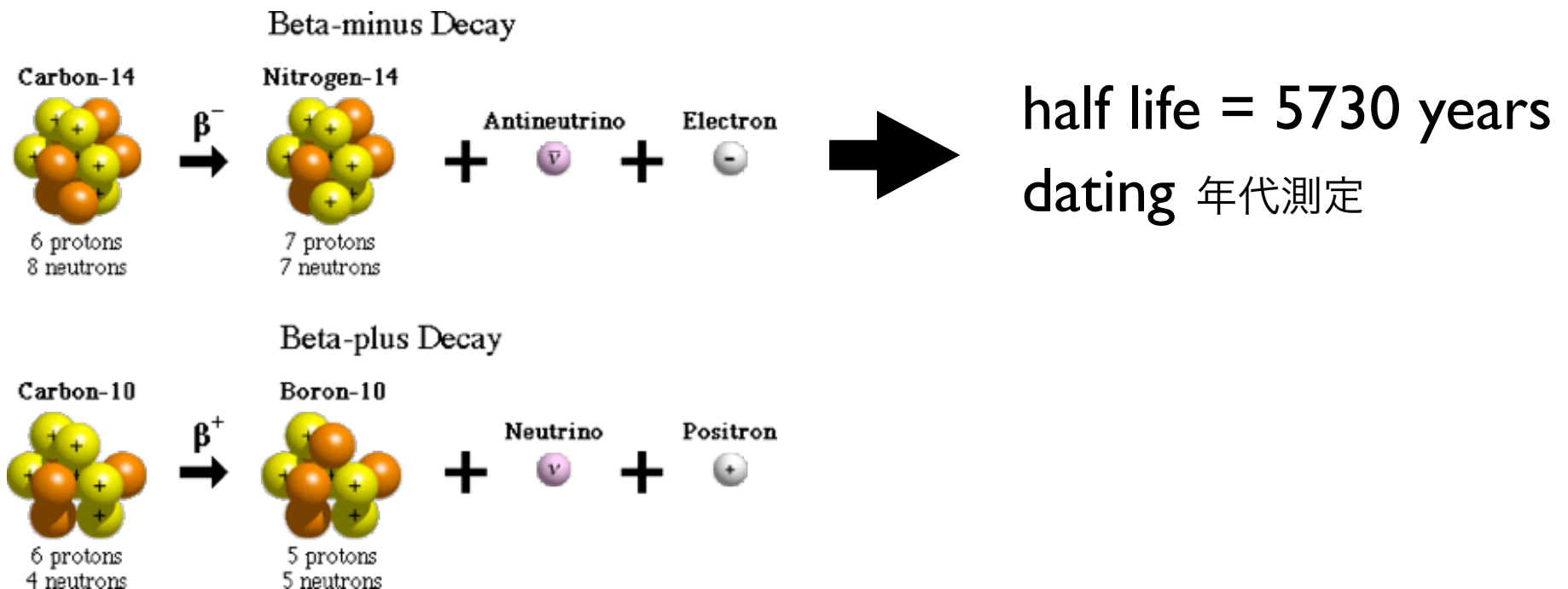
beta decay

β^- decay

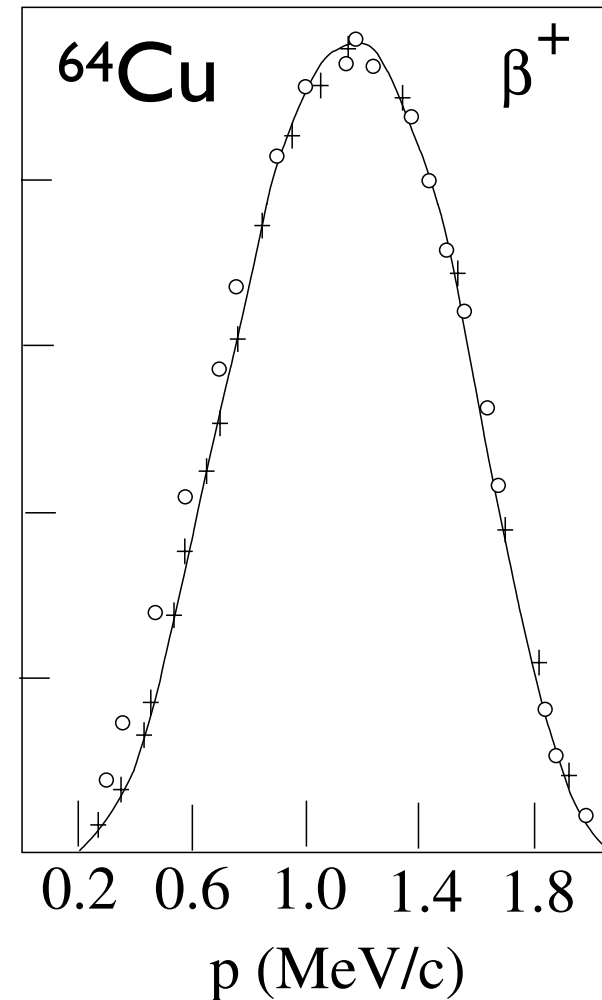
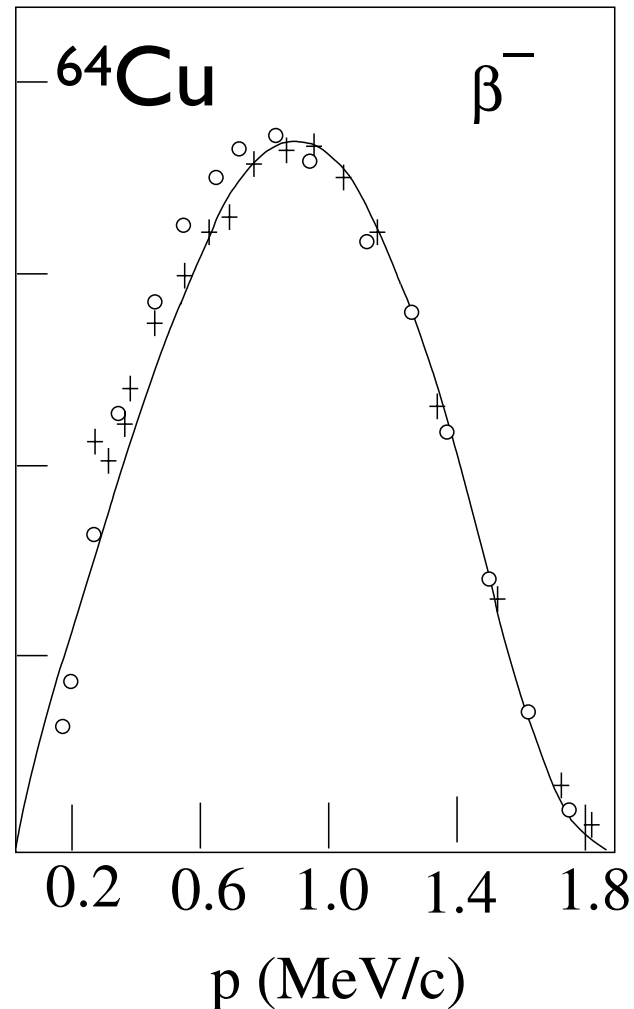
$${}_Z^A N \rightarrow {}_{Z+1}^A N' + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$$

β^+ decay

$${}_Z^A N \rightarrow {}_{Z-1}^A N' + e^+ + \nu_e$$



Emitted electron (positron) energy has a broad distribution



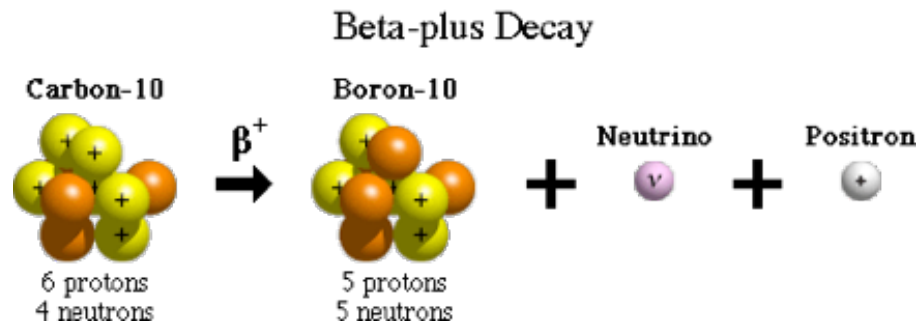
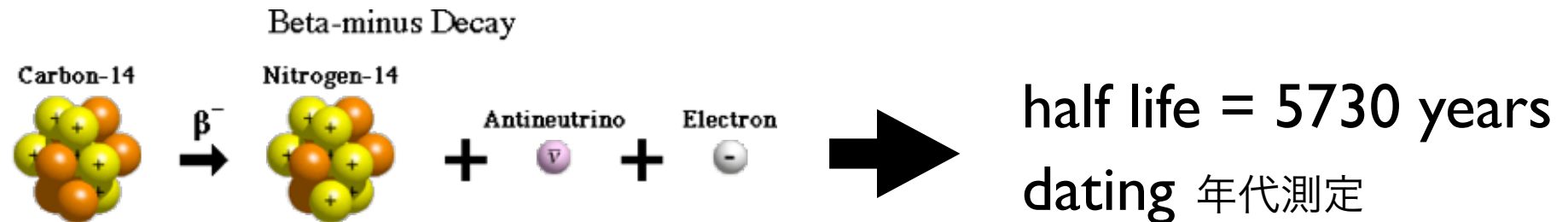
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Pauli

The existence of the neutrino was predicted by Wolfgang Pauli in 1930 to explain how beta decay could conserve energy, momentum, and angular momentum.

fundamental processes

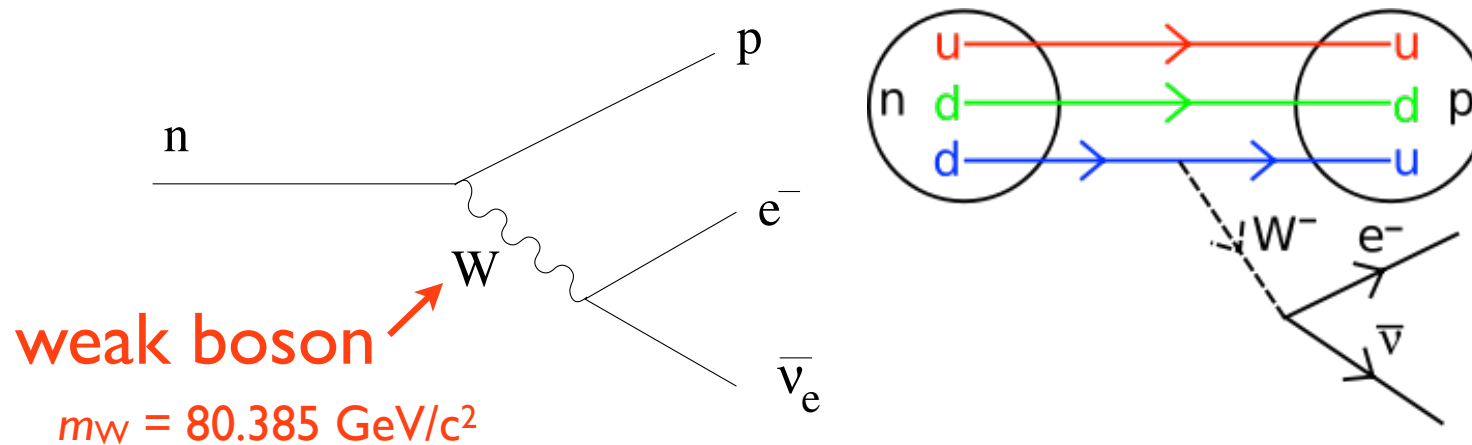
$$n \rightarrow p e^{-} \bar{\nu}_e \quad m_p = 938.3 \text{ MeV}/c^2 < m_n = 939.6 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

mean life = $881.5 \pm 1.5 \text{ s}$

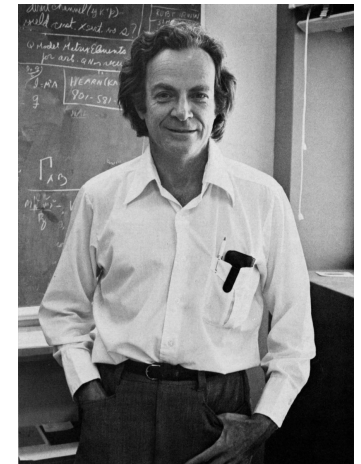
$$p \rightarrow n e^{+} \nu_e$$

- free proton does NOT decay
- takes place only in nuclei

Feynman diagram ファインマン図

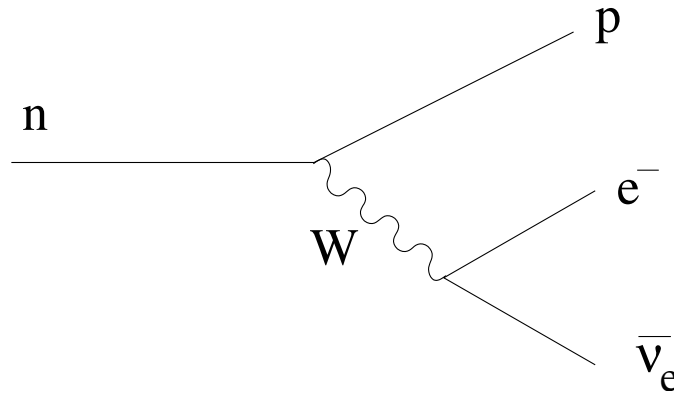


cf. $m_{\text{pion}} = 139.570 \text{ MeV}/c^2 (\pm), 134.9766 \text{ MeV}/c^2 (\text{neutral})$



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By transforming the Feynman diagram ...



$$n \rightarrow p e^- \bar{\nu}_e$$

beta-

$$p \rightarrow n e^+ \nu_e$$

beta+

$$p e^- \rightarrow n \nu_e$$

electron capture (EC)

$$\bar{\nu}_e p \rightarrow e^+ n$$

neutrino detection

Fermi theory of beta decay

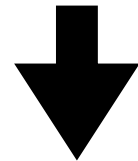
Decay rate

$$w = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |\langle \psi_p \psi_e | H_\beta | \psi_n \psi_\nu \rangle|^2 \frac{dn}{dE}$$

Fermi's golden rule

density of state 状態密度

$$\approx \int e^{-ik_p \mathbf{r}_2} e^{-ik_e \mathbf{r}_2} H_\beta(\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1) e^{ik_n \mathbf{r}_1} e^{ik_\nu \mathbf{r}_1} dV$$



weak interaction is a short-range force

$$H_\beta(\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1) \sim G\delta(\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1)$$

$$\approx G$$

Electron energy distribution dominated by density of state

放出される電子のエネルギー分布は状態密度で決まる

Density of state 状態密度

assuming plane waves

$$dn \propto p^2 dp q^2 dq$$

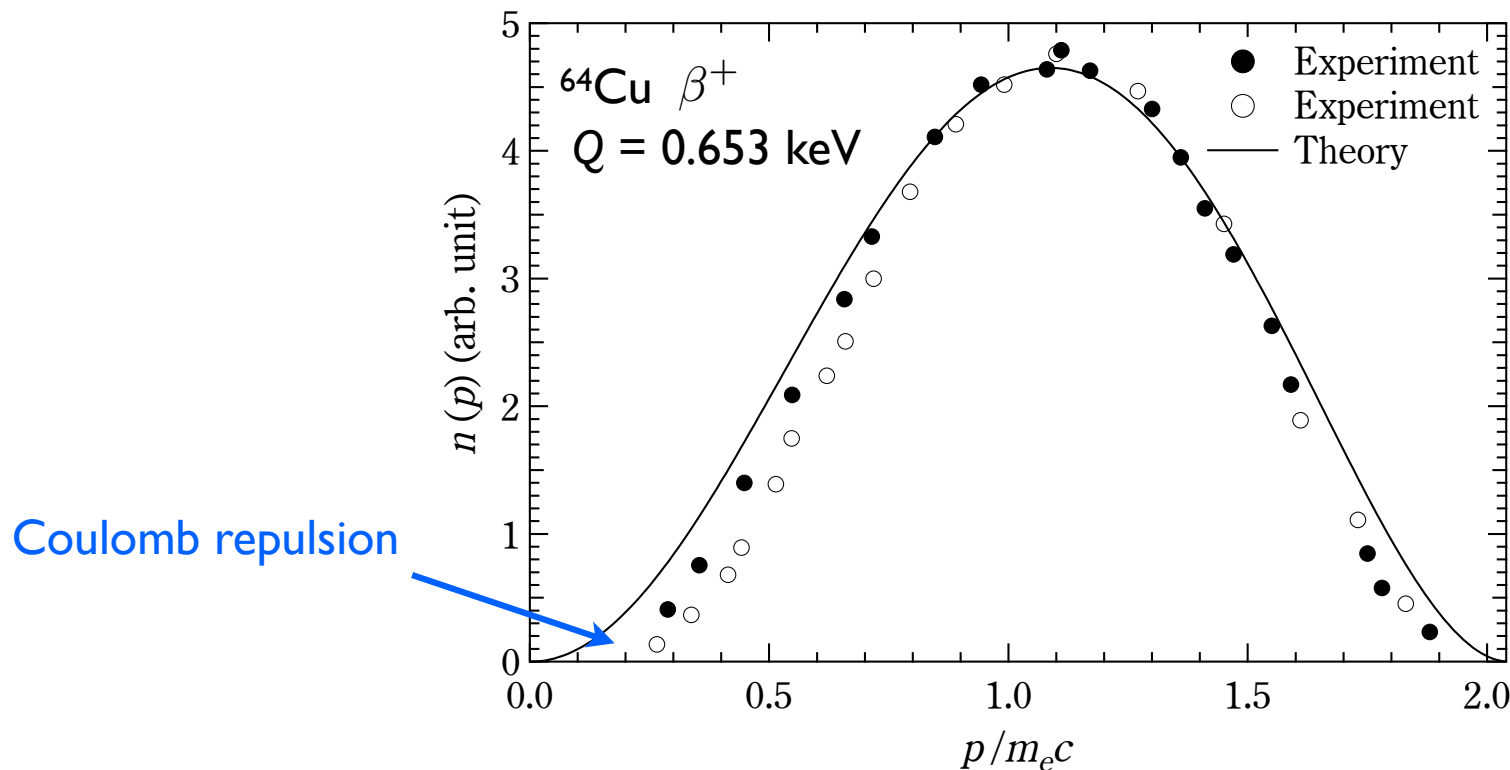
p : electron momentum
 q : neutrino momentum

energy $Q = E_e + E_\nu$ $E_\nu = cq$ $E_e = \sqrt{m_e^2 c^4 + p^2 c^2}$

electron neutrino

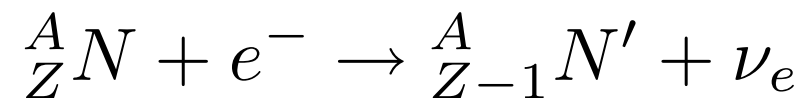
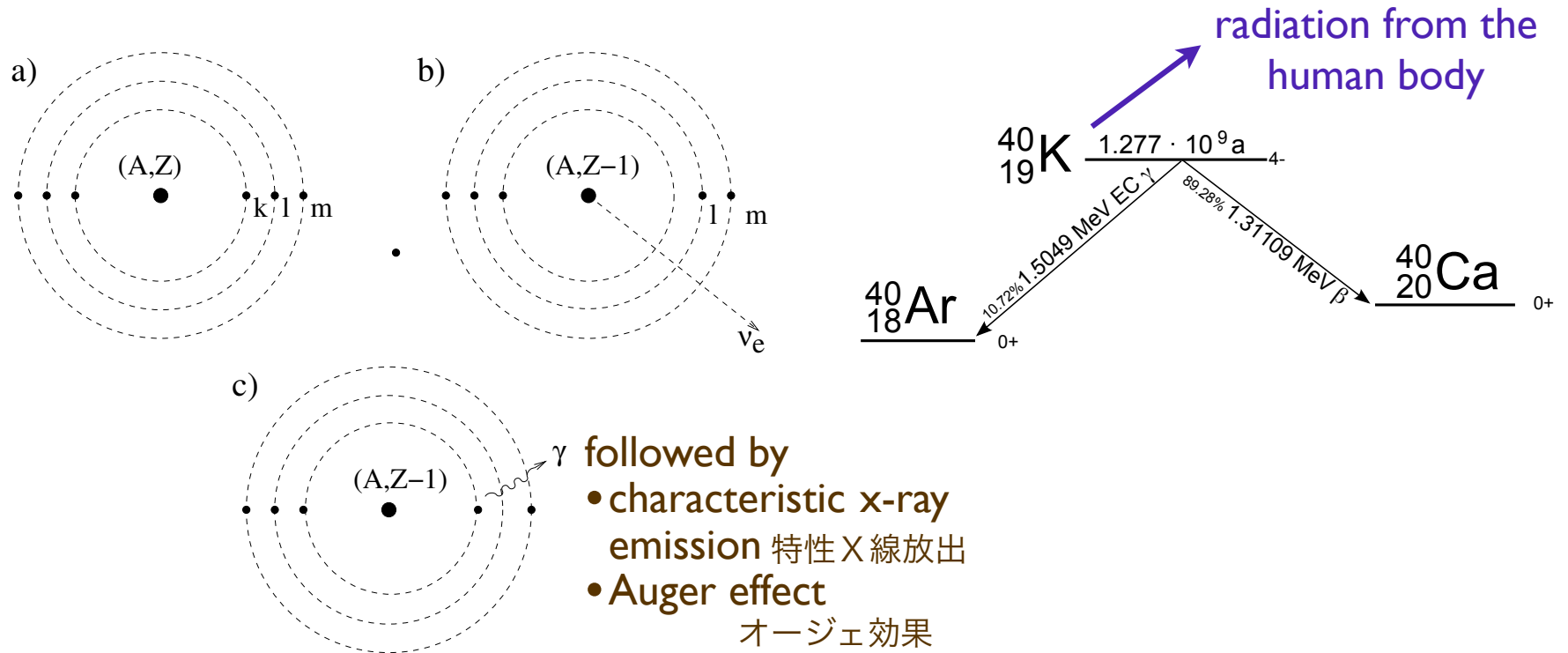
$$dE = dE_\nu = cdq \Rightarrow \frac{dn}{dE} \propto p^2 q^2 dp \propto (Q - E_e)^2 p^2 dp$$

statistical factor 統計因子



電子捕獲 (軌道電子捕獲)

Electron capture (EC)



fundamental process: $p e^- \rightarrow n \nu_e$

neutrino energy: $E_\nu = M(A, Z)c^2 - M(A, Z-1)c^2$

← atomic mass (not nuclear mass)

β^+ decay and electron capture

β^+ decay $\quad {}^A_Z N \rightarrow {}^A_{Z-1} N' + e^+ + \nu_e$

$$M_N(A, Z)c^2 > M_N(A, Z-1)c^2 + m_e c^2$$

 nuclear mass

electron
capture

$${}^A_Z N + e^- \rightarrow {}^A_{Z-1} N' + \nu_e$$

$$M_N(A, Z)c^2 > M_N(A, Z-1)c^2 - m_e c^2$$

Both may not always be energetically possible!

Symmetry and conservation law

対称性と保存則

Any **symmetry** of a physical law has a corresponding **conservation law**

no change under a transformation

Noether's theorem ネーターの定理

| symmetry | conserved quantity |
|--|--------------------|
| temporal translation | energy |
| spatial translation 平行移動 | momentum |
| rotation 回転 | angular momentum |
| reflection $\mathbf{r} \rightarrow -\mathbf{r}$ (P) 空間反転 | parity |
| time reversal (T) 時間反転 | T -parity |
| charge conjugation (C) 粒子反粒子変換 | C -parity |
| gauge invariance ゲージ不変性 | electric charge |



<https://ja.wikipedia.org/wiki/エミー・ネーター>

Example: Coulomb force $V(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{q_1 q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 |\mathbf{r}|^2}$ or $V(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = \frac{q_1 q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 |\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|^2}$

example in the classical mechanics

Hamilton equations

$$\dot{q}_i = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} \quad \dot{p}_i = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i}$$

If the Hamiltonian does not explicitly depend on q_i
(invariant under the spatial translation)

$$\Rightarrow \dot{p}_i = 0 \Rightarrow p_i = \text{const}$$

Conservation of momentum 運動量保存

gauge invariance ゲージ不変性

$$\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}, \quad \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} - \nabla \phi$$

invariant under the gauge transformation

$$\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}' = \mathbf{A} + \nabla \chi, \quad \phi' = \phi - \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial t}$$

Invariance of the Action S 作用素積分

$$\Rightarrow \text{Conservation of the electric charge} \quad \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{j} = 0$$

Parity

reflection

$$\hat{\pi}\psi(\mathbf{r}) = \psi(-\mathbf{r})$$

 *parity operator*

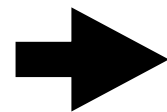
$$\hat{\pi}^2\psi(\mathbf{r}) = \psi(\mathbf{r})$$

Eigenvalues $\rightarrow \pm 1$

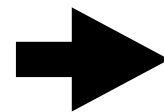
If the physical law is invariant under the reflection (gravitational, electromagnetic, and strong interaction)

$$i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\hat{\pi}\psi = H\hat{\pi}\psi$$

$$i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\hat{\pi}\psi = \hat{\pi}H\psi$$



$$\hat{\pi}H = H\hat{\pi}$$



$$[\hat{\pi}, H] = 0$$

Heisenberg's equation of motion

$$i\hbar\frac{d\hat{\pi}}{dt} = [\hat{\pi}, H] = 0$$

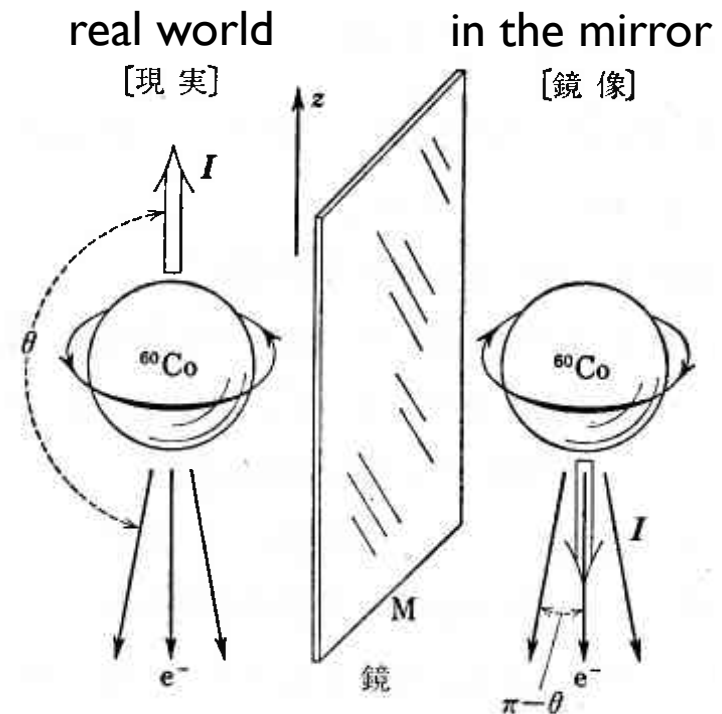
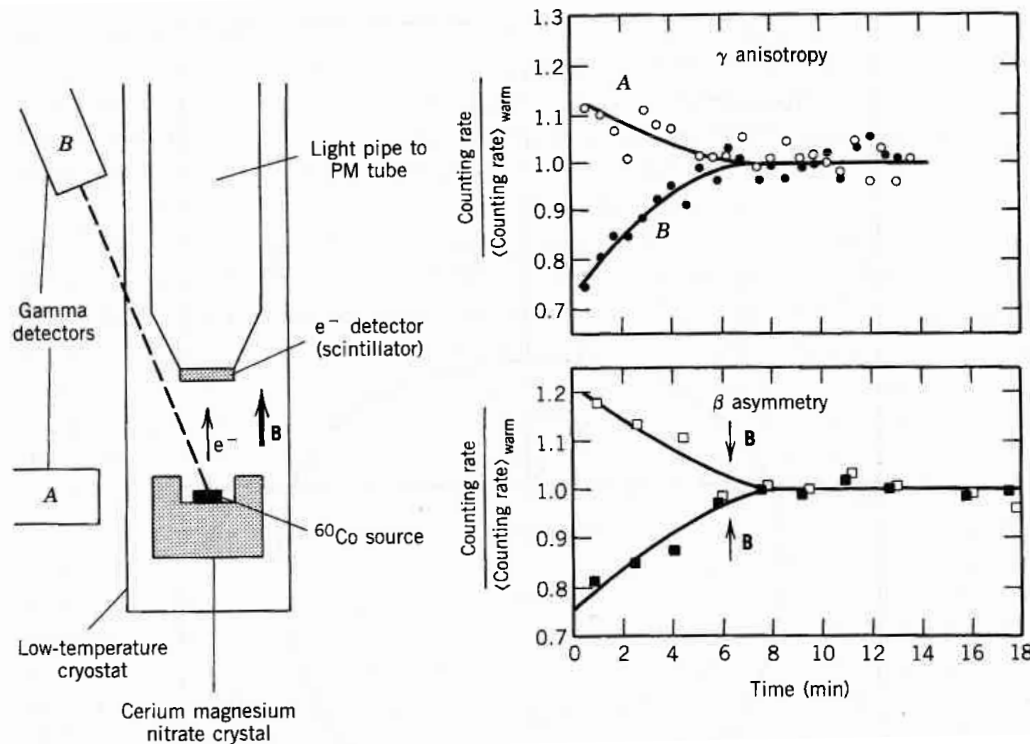
Conservation of parity

parity violation nonconservation of parity

パリティ非保存

in the weak interaction

- Prediction by T.-D. Lee and C. N. Yang in 1956
- Experimental verification by C.S. Wu in 1957



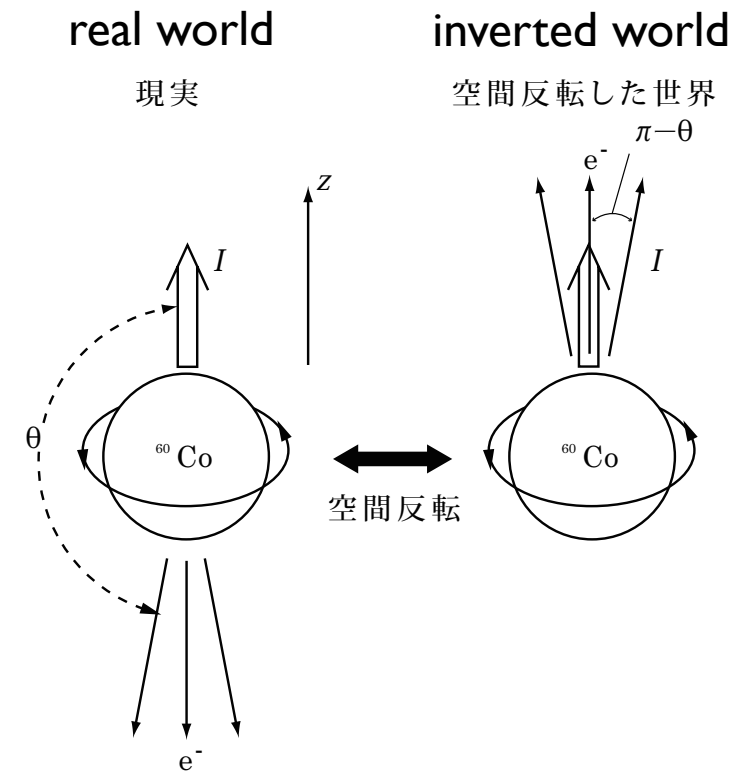
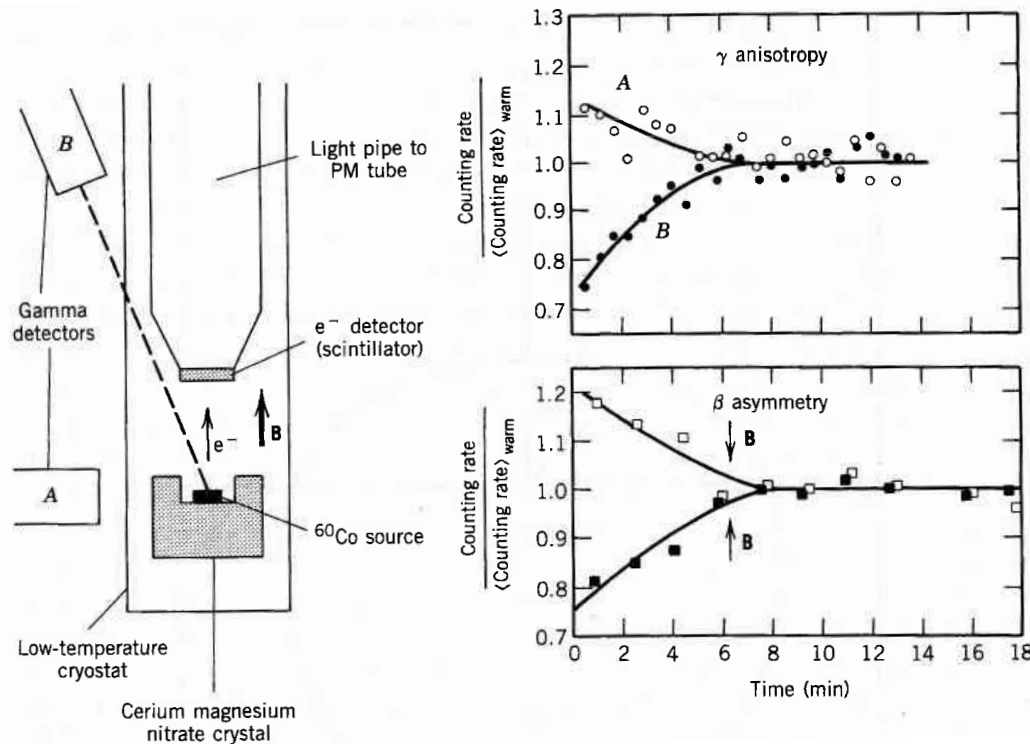
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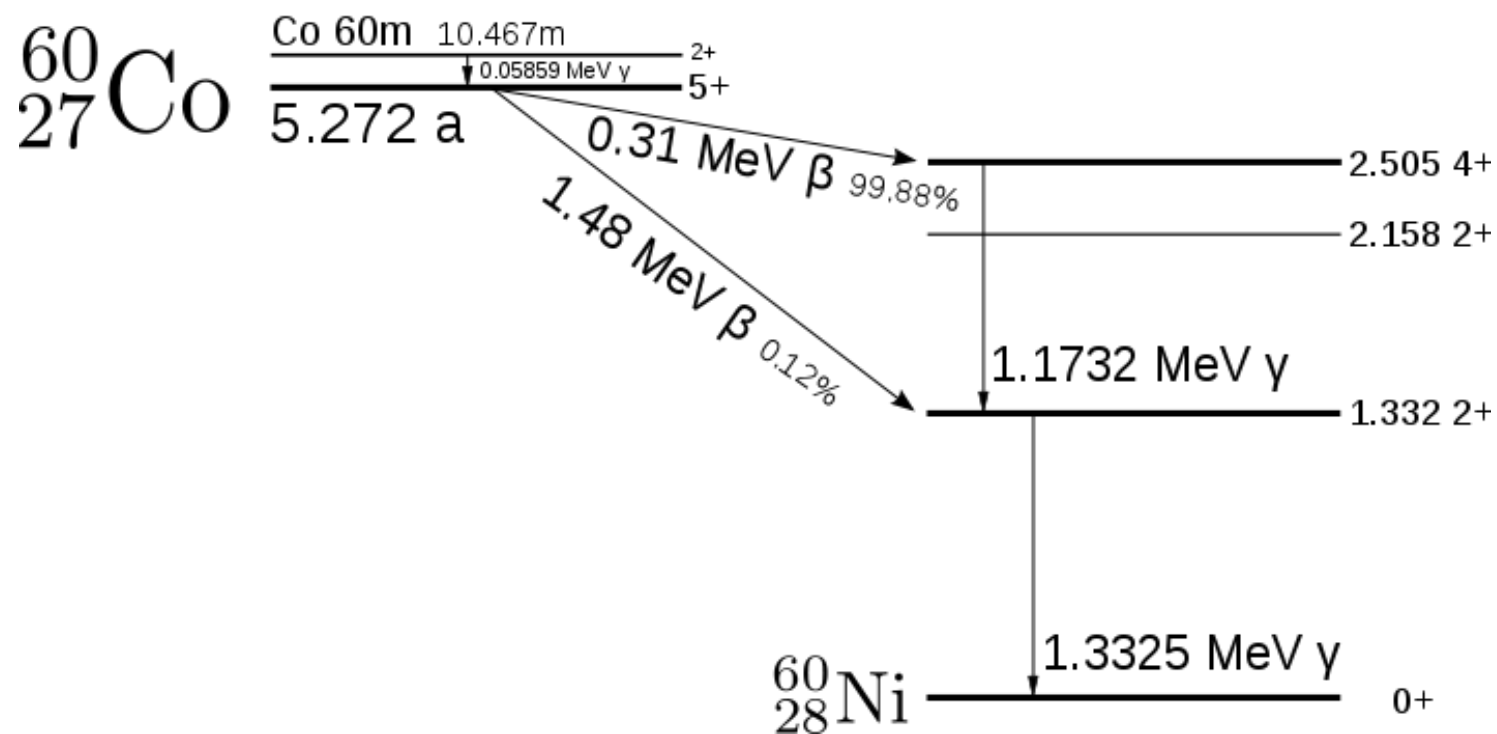
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in the weak interaction

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- Experimental verification by C.S. Wu in 1957







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Lee



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Yang



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Wu

Nobel prize in physics (1957)

CP violation



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Nobel prize in physics (2008)

CPT theorem

CPT定理

- Preservation of CPT symmetry by all physical phenomena
- Any Lorentz invariant local quantum field theory with a Hermitian Hamiltonian must have CPT symmetry