

Suppose physics is invariant under (linear) transformation: $\psi \rightarrow \psi' = U \psi$

$$U^\dagger = U^{T*}$$

Ensure normalization: $\int \psi^\dagger \psi d^4x = 1 \implies \int \psi^\dagger U^\dagger U \psi d^4x = 1$

$\implies U^\dagger U = 1 \implies U$ has to be unitary

To ensure physics is invariant under transformation:

$$\int \psi^\dagger H \psi d^4x = \int \psi'^\dagger H \psi' d^4x = \int \psi^\dagger U^\dagger H U \psi d^4x$$

$\implies H = U^\dagger H U \implies UH = HU \implies [H, U] = 0$

Now consider infinitesimal transformation: $U = 1 + i \epsilon G$ **G: generator of transformation**

$$U^\dagger U = (1 - i \epsilon G^\dagger)(1 + i \epsilon G) = 1 + i \epsilon (G - G^\dagger) + O(\epsilon^2)$$

$U^\dagger U = 1 \implies G = G^\dagger \implies G$ is hermitian, thus corresponds to an observable quantity g

$[H, U] = 0 \implies [H, G] = 0 \implies g$ is a conserved observable quantity!

For each infinitesimal transformation which conserves the physics of the system, there is a conserved observable!

Theta -Tau Rätzel

In 1956, parity conservation as well as T and C symmetry was a “dogma”

→ very little experimental tests done

θ/τ puzzle:

$$\theta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0; \quad P(\pi^+ \pi^0) = +1$$

$$\tau \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-; \quad P(\pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-) = -1$$

$$P(q) = 1; P(\bar{q}) = -1;$$

$$P(\text{meson}) = P_q P_{\bar{q}} (-1)^L;$$

lowest energy, $S = 0$

$$P = -1$$

θ , τ have same mass, same lifetime, however different parity ...

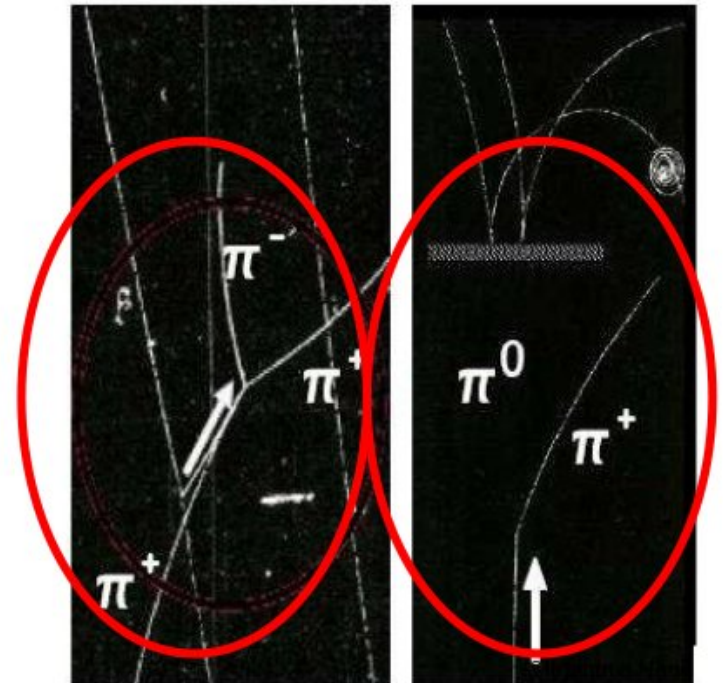
Yang, Lee:

$$\rightarrow \theta = \tau = K^+$$

weak interaction violates parity

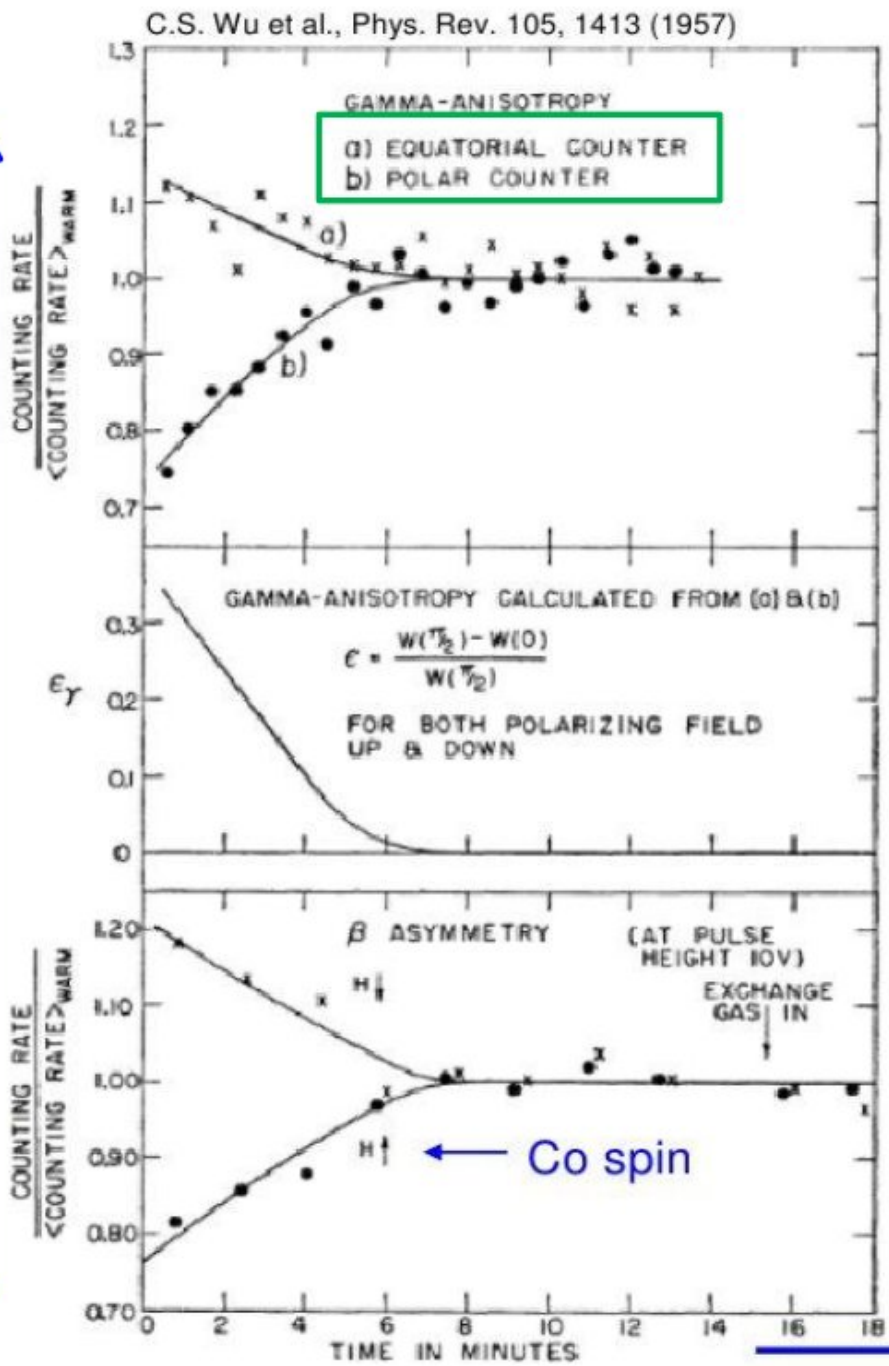
proposed a set of measurements which

test parity



Ergebnisse: Wu-Experiment

counting rate relative to warm (unpolarized) rate



measure photon anisotropy, to determine degree of polarization

electron rates are different depending on the polarization!

warm up with time