

Question of Parity Non-conservation in Weak Interactions

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Abstract: In order to reasonably explain the phenomenon of cell bioelectricity, we proposed the conservation law of cell membrane area, established the ion inequality equation, and therefore paid attention to the mystery of “ θ - τ ”. We researched and analyzed the “ θ - τ ” mystery, discussed the parity non-conservation in weak interactions, suggested possible experiments to test the parity non-conservation in weak interactions, and gave our research and analysis conclusions: The parity non-conservation in weak interactions, is still a “conjecture”; The experimental scheme suggested in the papers by C. N. Yang et al. cannot determine whether the weak interaction can separate left and right, and it is impossible to directly answer whether θ and τ in the “ θ - τ ” mystery are the same particle; The Co^{60} β decay experiment such as C. S. Wu is a pseudo-mirror experiment, whether the experimental result violates parity conservation is only based on the assumption of C. N. Yang et al. In fact, experiments such as polarized Co^{60} did not overturn the so-called “law of parity conservation”. The mirror image principle does not have any physical meaning, does not correspond to any physical conservation quantity, and cannot be destroyed by any physical experiment. In the process of turning “mirror symmetry” and “mirror asymmetry” into so-called physical “common sense” and scientific “facts” respectively, the methods of transformation are “stealing concepts” and “circular argumentation”. The “ θ - τ ” mystery is a “man-made” mystery. θ and τ are two different particles, which may be the result of the same precursor particle being divided into two. The work of C. N. Yang, T. D. Lee, C. S. Wu et al. has brought quantum physicists from the “small black room” to the “bigger black room” or “smaller black room”. The right and wise choice is to go back through the door that came in. With the development of science today, it is time for some contents to reform from the bottom.

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1. Introduction

In 1954, a problem called the θ - τ problem appeared. Scientists found that the mass and lifespan of the two mesons θ and τ are almost exactly the same, and most people think that they are the same particle. However, when θ decays, 2 π mesons are produced, and when τ decays, 3 π mesons are produced, which shows that θ and τ are not the same particle. If θ and τ are the same particle, it violates the law of conservation of parity; if they are not the same particle, their mass and life span are almost exactly the same. This is the mystery of “ θ - τ ” [1, 2].

In 1956, C. N. Yang and T. D. Lee [1] published a paper in which they proposed the hypothesis of “parity

is not conserved in weak interactions” and suggested possible experiments to test whether parity is conserved in weak interactions; C. S. Wu et al. [3-5] first made a judgment sexual experiment, namely: observe the β decay of Co^{60} with “two sets” of experimental devices that are mirror images of each other. According to C. S. Wu’s experimental results, people believe that the mystery of “ θ - τ ” has been solved.

In 2020, we proposed the conservation law of cell membrane area and established the ion inequality equation, which reasonably explained the phenomenon of cell bioelectricity [6-12]. Although cell bioelectricity is not in the scope of the physics definition of weak interaction force, we still pay attention to the mystery of “ θ - τ ”. We traced the roots of this, sorted out the work of theoretical and experimental physicists closely related to the “ θ - τ ” mystery [1, 3, 13-17],

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especially the work of C. N. Yang, T. D. Lee, C. S. Wu, et al. and the research analyzed the mystery of “ θ - τ ”, discussed the parity non-conservation in weak interactions, and suggested possible experiments to test the parity non-conservation in weak interactions.

Although understanding the most prominent and profound problems in elementary particle physics does not require advanced knowledge of physics [18], it does not mean that other scholars will not use this paper to examine or question in depth the work on parity conservation before 1956 and the development and progress of particle physics after 1957. Of course, it also includes “the explanation of cosmic asymmetry for human existence” [2].

2. Are θ and τ the Same Kind of Particles?

C. N. Yang et al. [1] analyzed that in strong and electromagnetic interactions, existing experiments show the conservation of parity with high accuracy; however, the parity conservation of weak interactions is still an extrapolation hypothesis, and there is no experimental evidence to support it. ...Current experimental limit of parity non-conservation $\mathcal{F}^2 < 3 \times 10^{-13}$, is the most accurate verification of parity conservation in strong and electromagnetic interactions. However, even this high accuracy is not enough to provide experimental proof of parity conservation in weak interactions. For this suggestion, an accuracy of $\mathcal{F}^2 < 10^{-24}$ is required.

C. N. Yang et al. [18, 19] believe that the higher the accuracy, the more proof θ and τ is the same particle. Within the experimental error range (about a few percent), the two particles have exactly the same lifetime and similar mass. At present, there are more than 1,000 experimental sites, and the general view is θ and τ which are not the same particle [18-21]. However, this cannot be hastily concluded, because its mass accuracy is from 2 to 10 electrons, or a fraction of one percent, and its lifetime accuracy is 20% [20, 21].

We believe that another very important indicator

that may determine that θ and τ are not the same particle has not been taken seriously, namely: the size and density of the nucleus. It has been known in the alpha particle scattering experiment that [22] the nucleus is at the center of the atom, and its linearity is only one ten thousandth of that of the atom, but its mass accounts for more than 99.9% of the atom. The experimentally determined nucleus radius can be expressed by the following formula:

$$R = r_0 A^{1/3} \quad (1)$$

Among them, r_0 is the coefficient determined by experiment, and A is the mass number of the nucleus. The r_0 value obtained by the electromagnetic method is about 1.2×10^{-15} m, and the r_0 value obtained by the nuclear force method is about 1.4×10^{-15} m. From the radius of the nucleus, the approximate volume of the nucleus is:

$$V = \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 = \frac{4}{3} \pi r_0^3 A \quad (2)$$

The mass of the nucleus is approximately the mass of the atom $M = A/N_A$, so the density of the nucleus:

$$\rho = \frac{M}{V} = \frac{3}{4\pi r_0^3 N_A} = 2.3 \times 10^{17} \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3} \quad (3)$$

where N_A is Avogadro's constant. It can be seen that the density of various nuclei is close to a constant and very large, about 10^{13} times the density of iron $7.9 \times 10^3 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$. Because of this, the “slight” difference in the size and density of the nucleus is sufficient to prove that θ and τ are not the same particle. The experimental accuracy is not up to the point, or the mass and life are “almost” the same, which is not a sufficient reason to conclude that θ and τ are the same particle. Based on Dalitz angular momentum and parity conservation, the decay products of τ are statistically and analyzed [23], and it is strongly believed that θ and τ are at least two different charged particles [24-26].

The conclusions of our analysis support the results calculated by Dalitz. As long as the masses and lifetimes of θ and τ are different, it is sufficient to be a clear evidence that θ and τ are not the same particle,

not to mention produces two π mesons when θ decays, and produces three π mesons when τ decays. The quality and life measured by the experiment are “almost” the same, not “exactly” the same. The experimental results of measures becoming more and more accurate should be more accurate to prove the “difference” in quality and life of θ and τ , and that θ and τ are not the same particle, instead of what C. N. Yang et al. think, “the higher the accuracy, the more it can be proved θ and τ is the same particle”. We believe that θ and τ result from the split into two of the same precursor particles, that is, θ and τ always appear at the same time and accompany each other. There are as many τ as there are θ [2, 19], and the probability of occurrence is 50% each.

3. Is Not the Parity in Weak Interactions Conserved?

C. N. Yang et al. [1, 18] hypothesized that parity is not strictly conserved, and θ and τ are two different decay modes of the same particle, and their mass and life span must be the same. They suggest experiments: use Co^{60} for β decay, and measure the angular distribution of the emitted electrons in the β decay of Co^{60} polarized nuclei. Let θ be the angle between the orientation of the mother nucleus and the electron momentum, the asymmetry of the distribution of θ and $180^\circ - \theta$ constitutes a positive evidence of parity non-conservation in β decay.

C. N. Yang [18] interpreted the plan they gave:

As a possible method to solve the θ - τ problem, it is recommended that experiments should be used to test whether the principle of left-right symmetry will be violated in weak interactions. The principle of the test is extremely simple, only two sets of experimental devices that are mirror images of each other need to be established. They must include weak interactions, and they must be different from each other. If these two devices are identical to each other, they will always produce the same results, and experiments cannot be used to test left-right symmetry. Then check whether

the two devices always produce the same results. If they do not always produce the same results, we have obtained a definite proof against the principle of left-right symmetry in this experiment.

C. S. Wu, E. Ambler, R. W. Hayward, D. D. Hoppes and R. P. Hudson [3] conducted the first such experiment in 1956 (Figs. 1 and 2). The Co nucleus decays due to weak interactions, and the decay products are then counted. It must be noted here that the current flowing in the coil is a necessary factor in the experiment. Without these currents, the two devices on both sides of the mirror will be the same and will always produce the same result. The result of the experiment is that there is a very large difference between the readings on the two meters shown in Fig. 2. Since the properties of the other parts of the instrument are symmetrical, the asymmetry can only be caused by the decay process of Co^{60} , which is caused by weak interaction [18].

We believe that the experimental scheme given by C. N. Yang et al. cannot test whether parity is conserved in weak interaction, especially the measurement of the “asymmetry” of the angular distribution of θ and $180^\circ - \theta$ electrons, which is an inevitable result of presupposition. We therefore suggest that, on the basis of C. S. Wu’s experiment, the following experiments should be further conducted: (1) Using the same set of experimental equipment, the direction of the current in the coil remains unchanged, and the β decay of Co^{60} is observed twice, and the experimental results are predicted to “will not always produce the same results”; (2) Using the same experimental device, the current direction in the coil is different, repeat Wu’s experiment and the β decay of Co^{60} is observed twice, predicting that the experimental results also “will not always produce the same results” compared to what Wu has achieved; (3) The direction of the current in the two sets of experimental devices and coils remains unchanged, and the β decay of Co^{60} is observed twice

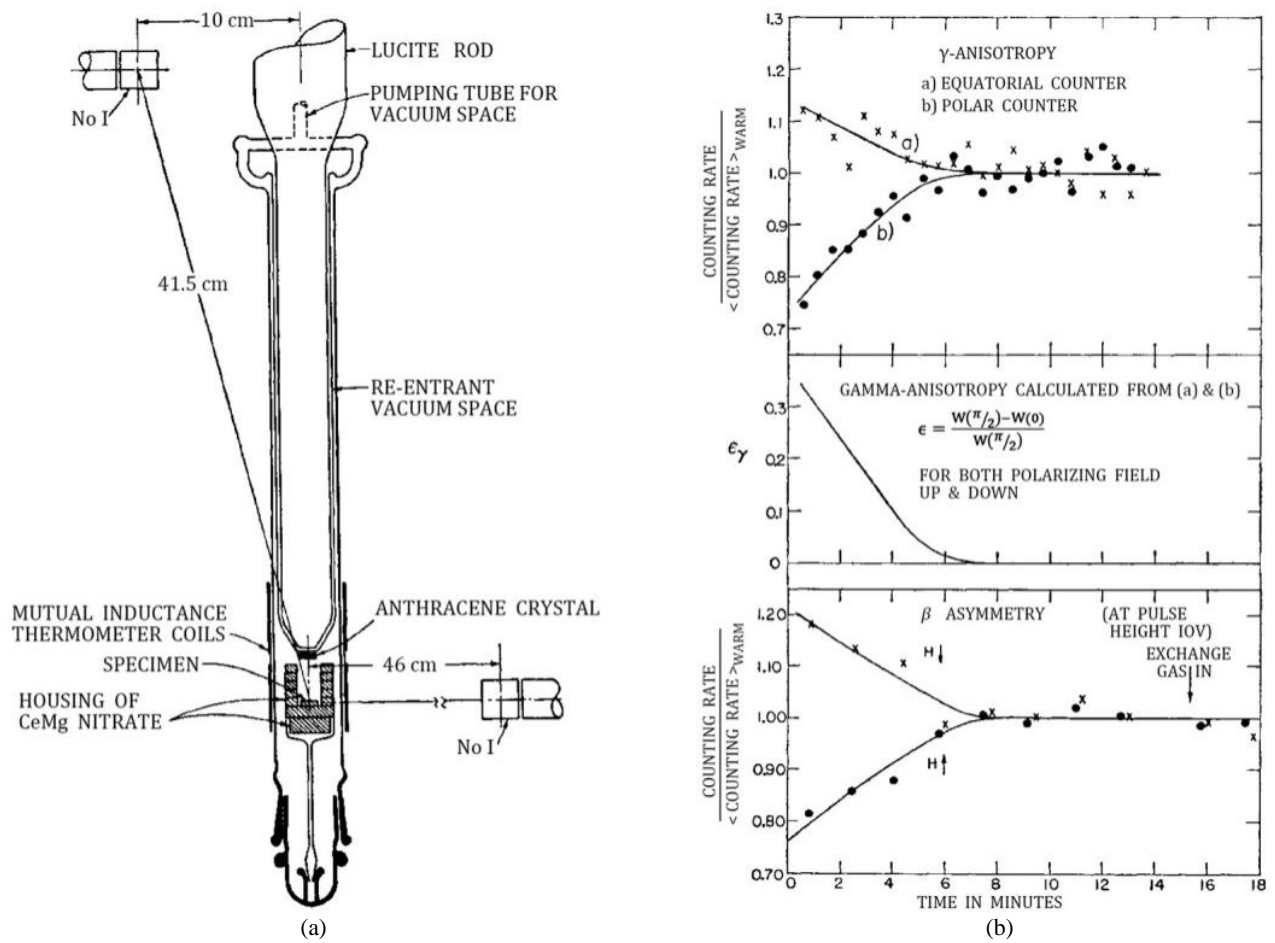


Fig. 1 Mirroring experimental device and experimental results [3].

(a) Co^{60} β decay experimental device; (b) Co^{60} beta decay experiment results.

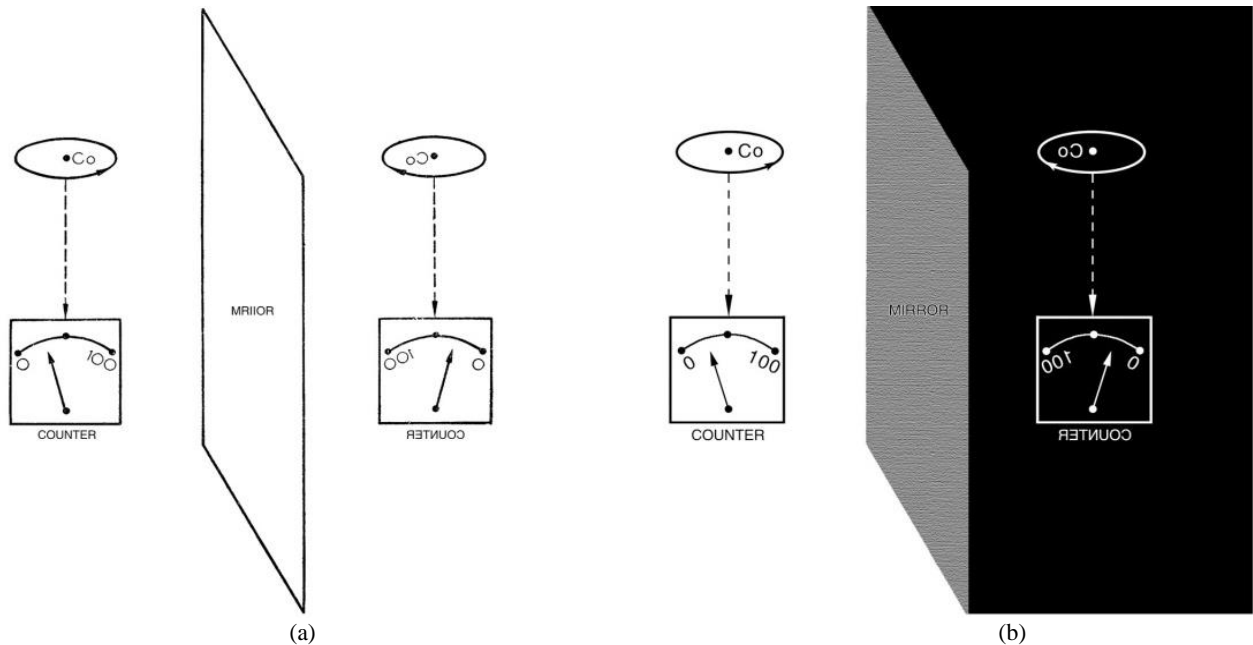


Fig. 2 Principle of mirroring device [18].

(a) Principle of Co^{60} β decay experimental device; (b) The new definition of mirror reflection.

to predict that the experimental results also “will not always produce the same results”; (4) Distribute Co^{60} uniformly in the cerium magnesium nitrate crystal to observe the anisotropy of γ -rays. The predicted experimental results should be very different from the experimental observations of C. S. Wu et al. or obtain diametrically opposite results within the allowable range of experimental errors.

The four experiments suggested above can be understood as falsification experiments of non-conservation of parity in weak interactions. As long as one of the experimental results meets our prediction, it is sufficient to prove that C. S. Wu’s experimental

results are not sufficient to support the hypothesis proposed by C. N. Yang et al. “Since the properties of the other parts of the instrument are left-right symmetrical, the asymmetry can only be caused by the decay process of Co^{60} , which is caused by weak interaction.” C. N. Yang’s judgment is also invalid.

In C. N. Yang’s [1] paper, regarding the most general form of Hamiltonian, Dr. R. B. Curtis and Dr. M. Morita pointed out the error in the formula (Eq. (1)). Among them, Dr. M. Morita was a member of C. S. Wu’s research group in October 1956 [4]. The most general form of Hamiltonian in the appendix of the paper (Eq. (1)):

$$\alpha\xi = \frac{1}{3}(|C_T|^2 - |C_A|^2 + |C'_T|^2 - |C'_A|^2)|M_{G.T.}|^2 - (|C_S|^2 - |C_V|^2 + |C'_S|^2 - |C'_V|^2)|M_F|^2 \quad (1)$$

should be corrected to:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha\xi = & -(|C_S|^2 - |C_V|^2 + |C'_S|^2 - |C'_V|^2)|M_F|^2 + \frac{1}{3}(|C_T|^2 - |C_A|^2 + |C'_T|^2 - |C'_A|^2)|M_{G.T.}|^2 \\ & + 2\text{Re}\left\{i\frac{Ze^2}{\hbar cp}\left[(C_SC_V^* + C'_SC_V'^*)|M_F|^2 - \frac{1}{3}(C_TC_A^* + C'_TC_A'^*)|M_{G.T.}|^2\right]\right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

C. N. Yang et al. believe that this change does not affect the narrative in the article, nor does it affect the rest of the appendix [1]. Since it has no effect on the paper, why should such a complicated mathematical equation be written into the paper?

In fact, the idea of non-conservation of parity in weak interactions was not first proposed by C. N. Yang et al. The first paper on this issue was written by Purell and Ramsey [27]. It dealt with the possibility of the electric dipole moment of elementary particles, but it was only a kind of Possibilities which are raised rather than solutions to a real problem. They pointed out that the main theoretical objection to the existence of that electric dipole moment is based on parity conservation, but for elementary particles and nuclei the parity conservation has not been tested [1, 27-29]. Interestingly, this paper was incorrectly cited by Yang et al. They pointed out: “The upper limit of the most accurate electric dipole moment so far is $e \times (5 \times 10^{-20} \text{ cm})$... This is also the most accurate verification of

the conservation of parity in strong and electromagnetic interactions.” They note 6 points out Purell and Ramsey’s papers cited in Ramsey’s molecular beam [2, 27, 28]. Although the original paper did not give any quantitative results of the neutron electric dipole moment, but only pointed out that the experiment has made progress, the book says that this result is contained there [30]. Therefore, it is clear that Yang has never read this original text, and T. D. Lee confirmed this [21].

In 1952 Wick et al.’s [29] paper, there are further opinions on parity non-conservation: Even if our thinking does not fundamentally change due to this, we believe that it is useful to pay certain attention to this matter, for example, it can prevent people from taking “theorems” as “hypotheses” or “theorems” as some kind of the “impossible” theoretical form is abandoned. Previously, the former Soviet physicist Landau [31] also put forward the compound inversion theory.

4. Are C. S. Wu's Experiments "Mirror Images" of Each Other?

Regarding how C. S. Wu's "two sets" of experimental devices mirror each other are not mentioned in the experimental report of Wu et al. [3], nor is there any mention in the experimental plan suggested by C. N. Yang and T. D. Lee's paper [1]. It is known from related literature that [18, 32] by changing the direction of the input current of the magnetic induction coil, corresponding to the left-right transformation of the mirror image, the right-handed screw rule is applied, and the right-handed screw rule is converted into the left-handed screw rule [15]. C. S. Wu [4] interprets her experiment in this way, "Two Co^{60} radiation sources have been prepared: one is to grow a layer containing Co^{60} on one side of a perfect single crystal of cerium magnesium nitrate. This crystal layer is about 0.002 inches thick and contains a few microbits of radioactivity; The other is to evenly distribute Co^{60} in the cerium magnesium nitrate crystals to study the anisotropy of γ rays." However, in the experiment of decay parity conservation, the first scheme was chosen—

The sample uses a good single crystal of cerium magnesium nitrate, and only a crystal layer containing Co^{60} grows on its upper surface. The polarization of the Co^{60} β source obtained by the demagnetization method can be as high as 65% [4]. Since the magnetic properties of electrons are easily saturated at low temperatures, a magnetic field of several hundred Gauss is sufficient. The nuclear orientation will automatically be formed immediately. This is because the low-energy beta particles move in a spiral shape tightly along the direction parallel or anti-parallel to the magnetic field lines. It is observed that the asymmetry of Co^{60} β decay does not change with the reversal of the demagnetizing field, which means that the emission of particles tends to be in the opposite direction to the direction of nuclear spin [3, 4].

Our analysis believes that the mirror principle refers

to "left-right symmetry". Based on the experiments done by C. N. Yang and other papers, C. S. Wu cannot determine whether the weak effect can separate left and right. The result of "up-down asymmetry" is a normal high probability event. The "up-down symmetry" is an abnormal small probability event. The Co^{60} β source has a polarization degree of 65%, so how does the other 35% of the Co^{60} β source that have not been polarized decay? How do we ensure and determine whether the direction of the Co^{60} nucleus spin is left rotation or right rotation? Can it be determined by changing the direction of the input current of the magnetic induction coil? Is the spin direction of the Co^{60} nucleus suitable for applying the right-handed spiral rule, or is it converted from the right-handed spiral rule to the left-handed spiral rule? See Fig. 3. If the above question can be answered in the affirmative, then how do we explain the " Co^{60} β decay asymmetry that will not change with the reversal of the demagnetizing field" observed by C. S. Wu's experiment? Just like J. Buridan's donkey, C. N. Yang's interpretation of "Mach's confusion" [33] is also very contradictory and far-fetched (Fig. 4).

Therefore, although the radioactive sources in C. S. Wu's "two sets" of experimental devices are both Co^{60} , the experimental conditions do not really mirror images of each other. Although C. N. Yang repeatedly said that C. S. Wu's experimental principle is very "simple" [18, 19], but according to C. S. Wu, the preparation process is quite "complex" [4]. There is a very important detail, which C. N. Yang deliberately avoided, Wu once said, "At that time, I was not willing to let them (referring to C. N. Yang, et al.) cite our experimental results, but I promised to give them affirmative results soon" [4].

In the experimental report paper published by C. S. Wu et al. [3], the opening emphasized: "In a recent paper on the parity problem of weak interactions, Yang et al. critically examined experimental information about this problem, ...they put forward some experiments on beta decay, hyperon decay, and meson decay,

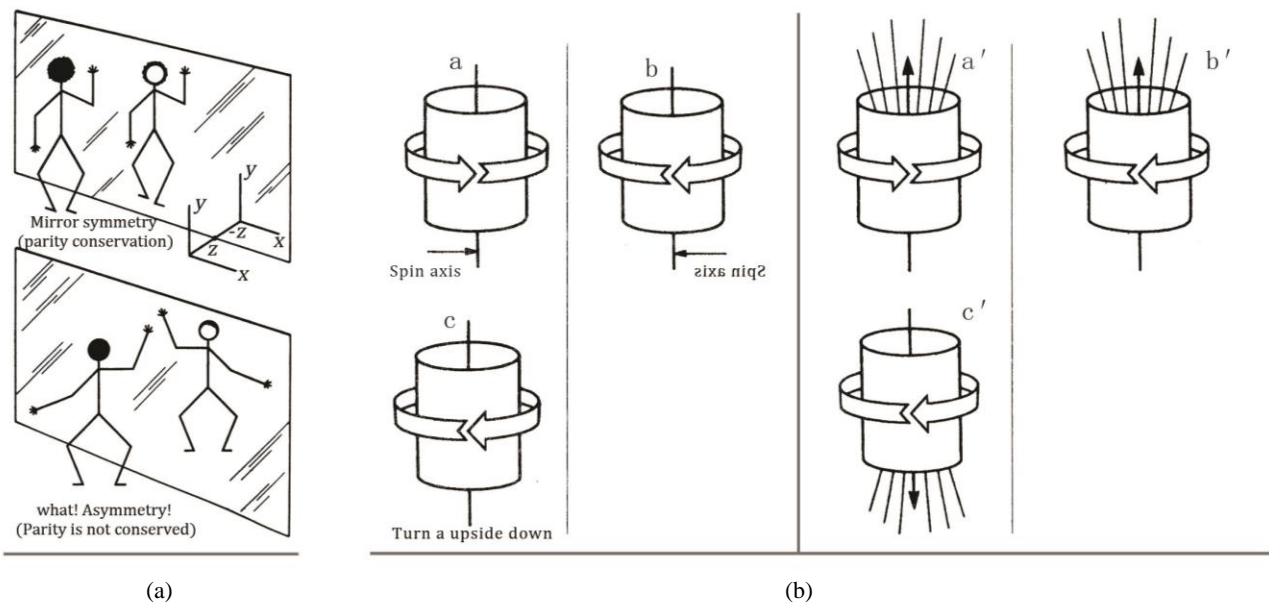


Fig. 3 Mirror symmetry and right-handed spiral rule [15].

(a) Parity conservation and parity non conservation.

(b) Laboratory and Mirror Laboratory: “a” represents a spinning particle, “b” is the mirror image of “a”, and “c” is the upside down of “a”. It is exactly the same as “b”. Therefore, “b” corresponds to a particle that can be found in nature, and mirror symmetry is observed. a' depicts a decayed μ , the arrow on the spin axis indicates the direction of the radiated electrons, and the radial lines indicate that the electrons are more “right-handed”; b' is the mirror image of a' , which is a left-handed decay μ , if experiments show that all μ decay right-handedly, then b' does not exist in nature. For example, with turning a' upside down, c' cannot copy b' , and the mirror symmetry is destroyed.

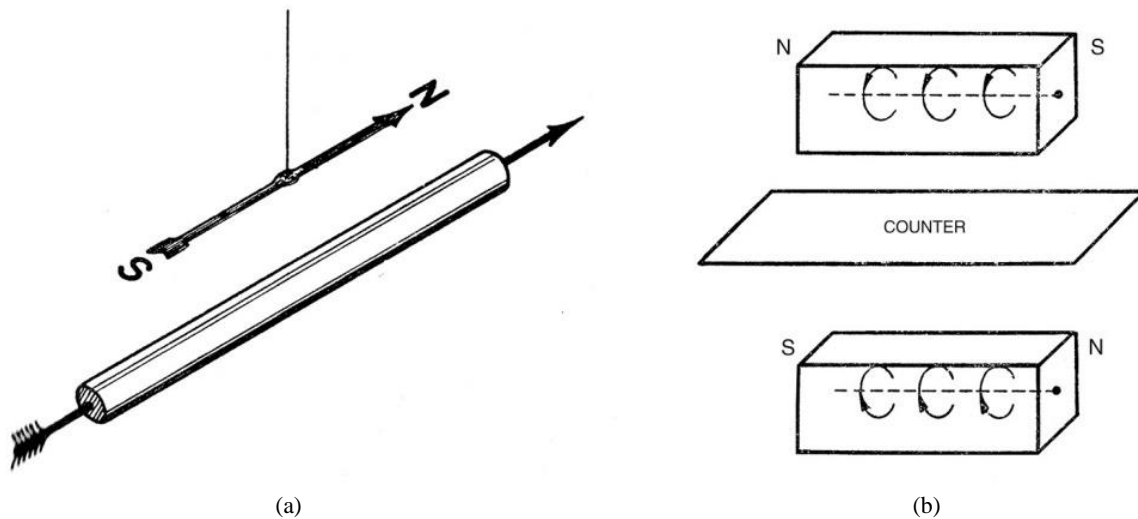


Fig. 4 Mach's confusion and C. N. Yang's answers [18].

(a) Mach's confusion: If the magnetic needle is hung parallel to a wire that is energized in a certain direction, it will turn left or right when it is deflected in a certain direction. Mach said that the magnetic needle must be like Buridan's donkey, refusing to make a decision between left and right;

(b) C. N. Yang answers questions: Reflection symmetry, based on a deeper understanding of magnetism, shows that this symmetry is only superficial. In the case of reflection, the polarity of the magnet changes, so this reflection symmetry is not true.

which will provide necessary evidence for whether parity is conserved. In β decay, the angular distribution of electrons from the β decay of polarized nuclei can be measured. If the asymmetry of the θ and $180^\circ - \theta$ distributions provides clear evidence of non-conservation in β decay, this asymmetry effect is already in Co^{60} observed under the circumstances". At the end of the paper [3], Wu emphasized again: "According to Yang et al. point of view, the experimental results not only violate the conservation of parity, but also violate the invariance under the charge conjugate. In addition, the invariance under time reversal ..."

In fact, C. S. Wu has never directly stated that her experimental results can be used as positive evidence of whether parity is conserved. However, afterwards, Yang et al. [2, 18, 32, 34-36] repeatedly emphasized in their speeches and writings on different occasions that it was Wu's experiment that overturned the "parity conservation". Yang et al. once commented on C. S. Wu, "As the first author, Chien-shiung denied the law of conservation of parity by experiment for the first time, and also denied the hypothesis of particle-antiparticle symmetry. Symmetry and conservation are the basis of physics, but these two very important laws and assumptions have been overturned by Wu's experiments." "In physics, parity conservation means that left and right are symmetrical. If there are two systems, they are mirror images of each other at the beginning, which means that their initial states are exactly the same, but left and right are different" [32]. In fact, the degree of non-conservation in Wu's experimental data is only 1% to 2% [19].

In the process of weak interaction, whether parity is conserved or not cannot determine a priori theoretically. Yang et al. only theoretically analyzed the existence of this possibility. The final verdict is the scientific experiment. At that time, the "up-and-down asymmetry" experiment in the beta decay phenomenon of polarized Co^{60} nuclei at low temperature done by the American physicist Dr. C. S.

Wu was the first of many decisive experiments [2].

The conclusion of our research and analysis: Wu's Co^{60} β decay experiment is relatively rough, this "simple and complicated" experiment is a pseudo-mirror experiment. The "up-down asymmetry" experiment in the decay phenomenon of the Co^{60} nucleus just proves that Wu's experiment did not really "distinguish the right and the left", and the result asymmetry does not mean that there is no symmetry. Physics is an experimental science. First of all, the design of the experiment must be scientific and rigorous. Judgmental experiments should be used with caution, do not forget Rutherford's famous advice: "don't forget to think".

5. How Is "Parity" "Non-conserved"?

To answer this question, we must go back to the source, correctly understand the following basic concepts, and clarify the relationship between these basic concepts. The motion state of a microscopic particle is described by the wave function. When the space coordinates are inverted, if the wave function remains unchanged, the motion state of the particle has an even parity, which is represented by the parity quantum number 1; If the wave function changes, the motion state of the particle has odd parity, which is represented by the parity quantum number -1. Since microscopic particles have such an even-odd number in the energy level transition motion, the parity of energy levels is called the parity of energy levels [2]. During the transition motion of microscopic particles, the parity of the initial state is always equal to the parity of the final state [2], which is the so-called "parity conservation".

In 1918, Amalie Emmy Noether first linked the principle of invariance with the law of conservation, that is: an invariant corresponds to a conserved quantity or a law of conservation. C. N. Yang interpreted Noether's theorem in his speech at the Nobel Prize ceremony, "A symmetry principle (or a corresponding invariance principle) produces a

conservation law” [18, 33, 37-39]. For example, the consequence of physical law invariance under spatial displacement is conservation of momentum, the consequence of invariance under spatial rotation is conservation of angular momentum, etc. [2]. In 1924, O. Laporte discovered that atomic energy levels can be divided into two categories, even and odd energy levels; In 1927, E. P. Wigner [2] proved Laporte’s discovery and pointed out that the motion of micro particle system has the same change law as its “mirror particle”.

Mirror symmetry, also known as left-right symmetry, is discrete rather than continuous symmetry. In classical mechanics, continuous symmetries must lead to conservation laws, but discrete symmetries do not. With the rise of quantum mechanics, the distinction between discrete and continuous symmetry disappeared, so “left-right symmetry also leads to a conservation law, the law of parity conservation” [2].

The following basic concepts are repeatedly confused for many times, which is the key to “parity non-conservation in weak interactions”, namely: invariance and symmetry, symmetry and left-right symmetry, left-right symmetry and mirror left-right symmetry, mirror left-right symmetry and mirror up-down symmetry, mirror up-down symmetry and mirror-image symmetry, mirror-image symmetry and conserved quantities.

The invariance in Noether’s theorem implies symmetry, but it is not equivalent to symmetry. An invariance corresponds to a conserved quantity or a conservation law. When “invariance” is equivalent to “symmetry”, and “symmetry” is equivalent to “conserved quantity”, Noether’s theorem has been obscured or tampered with. Then, “symmetry” is equivalent to “left-right symmetry”, and “left-right symmetry” is equivalent to “mirror left-right symmetry”. The result of a series of exchange of basic concepts: mirror symmetry is equivalent to parity conservation, mirror image up-down asymmetry is

equivalent to parity non-conservation. During the process of turning the principle of mirror symmetry into so-called “common sense”, the basic concepts were interchanged many times.

This is a typical stealing concept and circular argument. Stealing concepts can also be called the scarecrow fallacy; circular reasoning is to hide arguments in arguments. For example, how did A become B? $A \rightarrow A(B) \rightarrow B(A) \rightarrow B$. Turn “invariance” into “symmetry”, “symmetry” into “mirror symmetry” and then turn “mirror symmetry” and “mirror asymmetry” into so-called physical “scientific facts”. The transformation method is much more complicated than A becomes B.

Regarding some of the above basic concepts, C. N. Yang gave a rather contradictory explanation in his biography, “The so-called conservation of parity, simply put, is that the laws of physics are at the deepest level, regardless of left and right. There is no difference on the left and right. In other words, according to this law, the operation of an object and its left and right mirror images are the same. In fact, the law of conservation of parity in real physical action is not limited to ‘mirror symmetry’. In the real physical action, it should be the displacement symmetry of the entire space left and right, up and down, and front and back. In quantum mechanics, what is discussed is the parity number conservation of space coordinate variables” [34].

After 1957, C. N. Yang repeatedly and deliberately confused these basic concepts in speeches and works on different occasions, making people farther and farther away from the truth [2, 5, 18, 19, 34-36]. How to “justify oneself” is probably a task that C. N. Yang will never accomplish in his life. “Symmetry” is the same as “invariance” in Noether’s theorem, and belongs to the “phenomenon of things”. They jointly correspond to the “essence of things”—the Conserved quantity or the law of conservation. “Parity” is defined as “the conserved quantity corresponding to left-right symmetry”, and “the parity of the initial state is

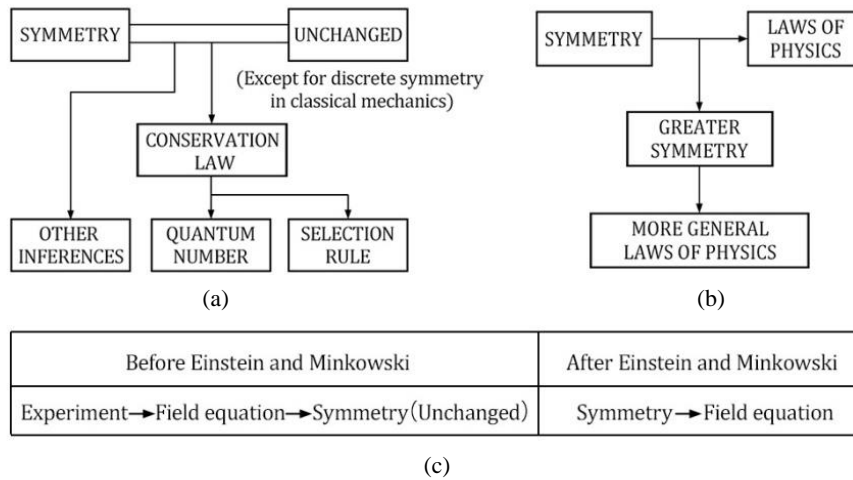


Fig. 5 Symmetry, invariance and conserved quantities, physical laws [40].

(a) Symmetry, invariance and conservation laws; (b) Symmetry and physical laws; (c) Experiments, field equations and symmetry.

always equal to the parity of the final state during the transition of microscopic particles” as “parity conservation” [18, 19, 32], is deliberately confusing the concepts of invariance (symmetry) and conserved quantity, and “symmetry and conservation are the foundation of physics” [32], and inequivalence should not be confused.

We now restore “parity” to “odd-even” and “parity conservation” to “parity invariance”, then the definition of parity invariance should be: During the transition of microscopic particles, the parity of the initial state is always the same as the parity of the final state. The conserved quantity corresponding to “parity invariance” should be the law of conservation of charge.

C. N. Yang has a soft spot for “symmetry”. The first paper he wrote when he was a graduate student in China was said to be about the study of symmetry. Extracting “symmetry” from “invariance” and further proposing “symmetry governing interaction”, these works originated from Maxwell, Minkowski and Einstein, and were applied and popularized by them. Yang only further “advanced” this kind of symmetry in mathematics [40, 41] (Fig.5).

The Yang-Mills gauge field theory known as the “Holy Grail” of modern physics [19], also known as the non-Abelian gauge field theory, has the same

problem. The Yang-Mills gauge field theory was born out of Maxwell’s equations, replacing the U(1) group of Maxwell’s equations with the SU(2) group in group theory, and the U(1) group is the Abelian group. The originals belong to O. Klein, as well as Hermann Weyl, Vladimir Fork and Fritz London. T. D. Lee’s evaluation of the Yang-Mills gauge field theory is a “rediscovered” after Pauli [2]. On July 21-25, 1953, Pauli’s manuscript “Meson-Nucleon Interaction and Differential Geometry” was formed. It was not officially published because the field particle mass was zero; in 1938, O. Klein proposed this Equation, some people say that C. N. Yang copied O. Klein’s results [2]. In fact, Claus Hugo Hermann Weyl and Noether had similar fates. They were both outstanding mathematicians in Germany. Their mathematical results were “coerced” or “tampered” by particle physicists. Weyl once lamented for this “A lone wolf in Zurich, Weyl, is also busy in this field; unfortunately, he is too prone to mixing his mathematics with physical and philosophical speculation” [19].

6. How Is Parity Non-conservation “Proven”?

In fact, C. N. Yang [34] himself admitted that there is nothing to say about the non-conservation of parity

in weak interactions, just a guess. The paper does not claim that parity is indeed unconserved in weak interactions [34], and C. S. Wu has never directly stated that her own experimental results can be used as positive evidence of whether parity is conserved. Then, the problem arises, why is the parity in the weak interaction “non-conservation”?

On April 3-7, 1956, at the seminar on the theoretical interpretation of new particles, Feynman replaced Block and put forward the hypothesis to solve the “ θ - τ ” mystery; On April 8th or 9th, T. D. Lee and Jack Steinberger [2, 14] discussed Block’s hypothesis. Lee had a sudden inspiration. To solve the “ θ - τ ” mystery, he must first leave the θ - τ system and measure pseudoscalar quantities other than θ - τ ; In early May, Steinberger reported T. D. Lee’s hypothesis at the academic report meeting, and C. N. Yang expressed his opposition on the spot; At the end of April or the beginning of May, Yang and Lee discussed the “ θ - τ ” mystery in a Tianjin (or Shanghai) restaurant [2, 19]. At a key point, Yang “epiphany” the generation and decay reaction chain of Λ^0 ; In May, C. S. Wu began to prepare for the experiment, and Lee wrote the manuscript “Questioning the Conservation of Parity in the Weak Interaction of Strange Particles”; At the end of May, Lee handed the manuscript of the paper to Irene Tramm for typing, and then sent it to Yang; Yang and his wife should retype, submitted to *Physical Review* after handwriting mathematical equations; On June 22, *Physical Review* received the paper; On October 1, the paper was published in *Physical Review* 104 issue.

On the morning of January 4, 1957, C. S. Wu informed Lee and Yang that he had observed preliminary experimental results, and urged not to talk to the outside world because the experimental process was to be verified; At noon on January 4th, Lee celebrated his work ahead of time and revealed to the physicists (10-15 people) who were dining together on the Chinese Food Lunch Day at Columbia University, saying that Wu was observing a huge effect; On

January 5, Yang sent a telegram to Oppenheimer who was vacationing in the Caribbean Sea, reporting Wu’s preliminary experimental results; On January 9, Wu “confirmed” the experimental results; On January 10, Wu officially notified Lee and Yang of the experimental results; On January 11, Wu reported the experimental results in the Department of Physics of Columbia University; On January 15th, Columbia University held a press conference. Rabi presided over the meeting and announced the news; On January 16, the *New York Times* published news on the front page, and a long article reported the incident in detail. The title is “Declaring that a basic concept in physics was overturned by experiments”; On January 17, the editorial department’s “Surface and Facts” was published on the front page, which shocked the physics community; On February 2, the American Physical Society held a special meeting at the New York Hotel to report the “discovery” of parity non conservation, and the number of participants was as high as 3,110; In early October, the Nobel Prize in physics was awarded to T. D. Lee and C. N. Yang, who are considered to be the “fastest” award in the history of the Nobel Prize, but it is also likely to be the “most regrettable” one by the Nobel Prize Committee.

On the other hand, the relevant partners and cooperative units are making a lot of trouble in order to compete for priority. Among them, V. Telegdi sent the experimental results to the *Physical Review*. The editor believed that their experimental results were rushed and confused and suggested that they be revised and published in the next issue. However, he still withdrew from the *American Physical Society* for this reason. And Lederman [2, 15, 19], after learning about C. S. Wu’s experiment, only “three days” time, “verified” the “parity non-conservation”, and the degree of non-conservation in the data was as high as 100% [19].

There was also unhappiness between C. S. Wu and his cooperator with the US Bureau of Standards and Metrology. Before the results of the experiment came

out, Wu had already written the experiment report. On the Sunday after the experiment was completed, four scientists from the National Bureau of Standards and Wu sat down and were preparing to report on the paper, only to see that Wu had produced a written paper. They were a little surprised that Wu wrote the report without having any discussion with them [5, 21].

C. S. Wu is the world's "authority" in the field of β -decay experiments, and she has done similar judgment experiments more than once. Wu also used her experimental results to make a "summary" of the research work on the β -decay theory in physics from 1934 to 1948, which "clarified" the previous "fallacy" and "denied" Konopinski-Uhlenbeck's theory "supports" and "verifies" Fermi's theory [32].

Under the special background at the time, the nationalities of T. D. Lee and C. N. Yang, as a result, both sides of the Strait of China rushed to publicize their scientific "achievements". On February 15, 1957, the former Soviet Union *Pravda* also published a long article, propagating the compound inversion theory proposed by Landau in a high-profile manner, making it clear that Landau was the first person to discover parity non-conservation [31].

Whether driven by setbacks or not, although Lee and Yang's dissertation can win the Nobel Prize, it is not a "qualified" doctoral dissertation. They put forward their hypothesis in their paper, which has now become a "classic". The abstract of the paper is a "masterpiece" of "cautious" statement. It is difficult to see from this that it is this paper that overturns a long-standing and extremely affirmative principle in physics [21]. We really cannot tell this is a helpless affirmation or a disguised negative. The relationship between C. N. Yang, T. D. Lee and C. S. Wu is reminiscent of the attitude of Watson and Crick, who discovered the double helix structure of DNA, towards R. E. Franklin [42-44].

Based on the above facts, after research and analysis, we believe that, the assumption that parity is

non-conserved in weak interaction, the process of being "verified" was too hasty and sloppy. Almost all relevant personnel and units were coerced to run all the way, without allowing enough time for the parties involved, industry insiders, bystanders, or Nobel Prize Jury, so that everyone could calm down and calmly think about and examine the work of Yang, Lee and Wu.

7. When Will the "Broken Parity" Be "Reunited"?

The amazing experimental results shocked the international physics community. People began to think why at this major historical turning point, it was precisely three physicists including C. N. Yang who "guided" the physics community, "solved" a "fundamental structure of physics theory" and made people's fundamental understanding a great "liberation". The mystery of " θ - τ ", as C. N. Yang [45] said, "At that time, particle physicists discovered that they were in a situation like a person groping for a way out in a dark room. He knew that in a certain direction there is a door that can get him out of trouble. But in which direction does this door open?" When C. S. Wu's preliminary experiment results came out, C. N. Yang notified Oppenheimer by telegram, and Oppenheimer replied with only a few words: "Out of the room" [2, 19].

At this point, Pandora's Box was opened. The experiment of non-conservation of parity has caused nuclear physics experimenters from all over the world to rush to their laboratories to "repeat" this experiment or make related experiments triggered by this experiment. In addition to C. S. Wu's Co^{60} β decay experiment, another experiment suggested by C. N. Yang et al. in the paper: π -u-e cascade decay, which has also been studied by R. L. Garwin, L. Lederman and Marcel Weirich completed, J. L. Friedman and V. L. Felegdi also completed this cascade experiment with the latex technique. On the other hand, due to the "discovery" of non-conservation of parity (P) in the

weak interaction, a long-held axiom “invariance of charge conjugation (C) in the weak interaction” has also been overturned, and various new results are constantly emerging, and new concepts of physics are constantly being updated. In the following years, as we should have seen, under the “guidance” of Yang et al., other more symmetries were also broken. The parity building collapsed and caused an “avalanche”, the domino effect and the Goebbels effect appeared, and there have been more than 100 similar experiments that can “prove” parity non-conservation in a short period of time [2, 19, 21].

The tragedy of science is that a beautiful hypothesis is overturned by an ugly “fact”. This is a story about a major discovery, and also a story in which the fine theories often encountered on the way forward are stifled by ugly facts. It is really difficult to express what kind of impact the amazing experimental results have on the physics community. We challenged, in fact destroyed, a belief that people cherish: Mirror symmetry in nature. The experiment also shocked many theoretical physicists, including Pauli, who left a famous thesis: “I can’t believe that God is a weak left-handed” [15]. When Felix Bloch talked about the problem of parity non-conservation in weak interaction, he said that if the experiment proved this statement, he would be willing to eat his hat [2, 15, 19, 21].

“Conservation of parity, why do physicists doubt it so reluctantly? However, with complex mathematical reasoning, it can be proved that if θ and τ are the same particle, this means that mirror symmetry should be discarded when describing their decay. In other words, we must abandon the law of conservation of parity”, Yang [35, 36] made this explanation in his Nobel Prize speech. In fact, quantum physicists are happy to see that θ and τ are the same particle. The experimental results of non-conservation of parity in weak interactions are exactly what the neutrino two-component theory expects [21, 46]. C. S. Wu later reviewed their experimental results and described it as “three birds killed in one stone”. The three birds

she was referring to were “parity conservation, charge conjugate invariance, and two-component neutrino theory” [21, 47]. The neutrino mass of the neutrino two-component theory must be 0. But, the discovery of the phenomenon of neutrino oscillation proves that the mass of neutrinos is not 0.

Only after this, people slowly realized that the weak interaction force formed an independent field, perhaps on the same level as gravitation, electromagnetic force, strong force and subnuclear force [2, 19]. Perhaps this is the real purpose.

Lederman and Demokritos have a “magical” dialogue that travels through time and space, which is intriguing [15]—

Demokritos: Don’t misunderstand me. They are all “smart people.” The result of their argument is nothing more than one or the other playing the banner of God. ...But who believes it? A small group of you? Some betrayers? Or do you all believe it?

Lederman: We all believe, at least all “smart” particle physicists believe, but this theory (quantum theory) has been accepted by all scientists to a considerable extent, and they believe us in this respect.

How familiar is the “Dream” dialogue between Demokritos and Lederman? Fools cannot see the emperor’s new clothes. D. H. Lawrence [15] said, “I like relativity and quantum theory because I don’t know anything about them”. So, do those who strive to maintain, support, and actively popularize relativity and quantum theory really “understand it”? Quantum theory is not a science, nor a religion, and if it is, funding is not so difficult to raise. To borrow an old saying: Never use a map as a territory [15]. We don’t know whether Einstein’s theory of relativity is correct or not, but his understanding of the degree of human stupidity is a well-known saying: “There are only two things that are infinite, that is, the universe and human stupidity, and what I am not sure about is whether the universe is infinite.”

“If a physical theory can only be expressed by a very complicated mathematical scheme, then there are

reasons not to trust it”, Dirac said [48]. Now for the development of life sciences, there has been a “quantization” trend. Regarding the explanation of cell bioelectricity phenomenon, the ion theory proposed by Hodgkin and Huxley and the GHK equation and H-H equation [10, 49-51] are used. The equation introduces too many and too complicated calculation formulas to make the problem change. It is very complicated. Interestingly, Hodgkin and Huxley have a teacher-student relationship, while Huxley is a mathematics student [52].

There cannot be two leaves that are exactly the same in the world, and people cannot step into the same river two times, this is a philosophical saying. In theory, the mirror experiment is impossible to achieve. Wu’s experiment is only a pseudo-mirror experiment, and the so-called “parity conservation” or “parity non-conservation” in the weak interaction is still a hypothesis. The mirror image principle in nature does not have any physical meaning, does not correspond to any physical conservation quantity, and cannot be destroyed by any physical experiment. The work of C. N. Yang, T. D. Lee and C. S. Wu did not prove the parity conservation in weak interactions, nor the non-conservation of parity in weak interactions. “God turned out to be a left-handed man”, on January 21, 1957, after poor Pauli calmed down, he wrote an obituary for the parity conservation in a humorous style: “We have a sad duty to declare our many years dear female friend—Parity—after a brief painful experience of experimental surgery, she passed away peacefully on January 19, 1957. Bloch is lucky because he does not have a hat. In a sense, a fairly complete theoretical structure has been fundamentally shattered. We do not know how these fragments will come together again in the future,” I. I. Rabi lamented [21, 53].

8. Conclusion and Discussion

We think that θ and τ are two different charged particles, originating from the splitting of the same

precursor particle into two. The mystery of “ θ - τ ” is a man-made mystery. The principle of mirror left-right symmetry is “mathematical geometry” and does not have any physical meaning. In theory, mirroring experiments cannot be realized. The “parity conservation” in weak interaction is the “straw man” of “stealing the concept” and “circular argument” rather than the real “academic”. It can be said that the work of three physicists including C. N. Yang has brought quantum physicists from the “small black room” to the “bigger black room” or “smaller black room”. The right and wise choice is to go back through the door that came in.

“Parity conservation” is equivalent to “parity invariance”, and its real corresponding physical quantity should be the law of charge conservation. “parity non-conservation” is a “conjecture” based on “parity conservation”. The experimental scheme suggested by C. N. Yang and other papers cannot distinguish whether the polarized nucleus is left- or right-handed, and it is impossible to directly answer “ θ - τ ” “ θ and τ ” in the mystery are not the same particle. C. S. Wu’s Co^{60} β decay experiment is a pseudo-mirror experiment. Whether the experimental result violates parity conservation is only based on the assumption of C. N. Yang et al. In fact, experiments such as polarized Co^{60} did not overturn the law of parity conservation [54-57].

After the Co^{60} β decay experiment by C. S. Wu et al. more than 100 experiments that can “prove” parity non-conservation also include the experiments of Garwin, Lederman, Friedman and Telegdi et al., which realize “mirror” the principle is the same as that of C. S. Wu, and the thousands of papers resulting from it should be re-examined by modern physicists. The truth is not lost over time or the Goebbels effect. The domino effect can happen in the forward direction, and also in the reverse direction.

In 1954, Pauli [2, 19] left a note to C. N. Yang about the Yang-Mills gauge field debate, “Dear Yang: I regret that you made it almost impossible for me to

talk with you after the seminar. All good wishes. Sincerely yours, W. Pauli". In 1980, regarding the future of high energy physics, C. N. Yang said to his debaters, "The most important discovery of high energy physics—The party is over. I won't argue with you, but please remember that what I say is more important to your future than mine" [58]. "If he is a graduate student now, he will never get into high-energy physics again, and he doesn't encourage his students to get into high-energy physics." C. N. Yang believes that high-energy physics is a "death science" [2]. Pauli's note is thought-provoking; What C. N. Yang said is well intentioned.

The history of scientific development of mankind is not long, and the inspiration for many of the work of modern scientists comes from the enlightenment of religion. For example, in 1947, the King of Denmark awarded Niels Bohr with the Treasure Elephant Medal, and the central pattern of the medal adopted the Chinese "Tai Chi Diagram" [19]; In 1983, in the trial issue of the *International Social Sciences* magazine of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, Cultural and Health Organization, the front page illustration selected the "FuxiNuwa Picture" unearthed in Xinjiang, China. Because the DNA double helix structure is very similar to it, it was also titled "Metaplasia of all things"; In 2019, we proposed an origami windmill model of potassium ion channels. Afterwards, we found that the principle of the model was surprisingly similar to the Buddhist swastika and Taoist Tai Chi Diagram [8].

American John Campell and Martin Gardner [21] speculated that, Yang and Lee's ideas might have been inspired by China's "Tai Chi diagram". Yang and Lee were very happy exploring the roots from the profound source of Eastern wisdom, "The Book of Changes", thinking that some prophecies sometimes change people's thinking in new directions. On November 26, 1959, Yang and Lee asked the Book of Changes: "Will there be a breakthrough in elementary particle physics in the next twenty years?" When C. N.

Yang visited Shanxi in 1992, he also wrote an inscription "Science and religion are one family" [34]. However, Yang said in a speech in 2004: "The Book of Changes has influenced the way of thinking of Chinese culture, and this influence is one of the important reasons why modern science has not sprouted in China" [41].

Someone once said that the prophet has been waiting for you here for a long time when scientists climbed to the top of the mountain with all their hardships. In 1957, in an impromptu speech after the Nobel Prize ceremony, T. D. Lee said this: "We may make great progress in researching knowledge, but we must remember that even at the root of the Buddha's finger, we It is still very far from absolute truth" [2]. Some of our modern people's scientific inspirations have been expressly or imperceptibly inspired by the prophets, but they are rarely grateful and lack due awe for the prophets. Caesar's return to Caesar, God's return to God, Newton's must be returned to Newton.

Finally, it should be noted that this paper was written during the "epidemic" period, and the people and things involved in the article are a bit "special". Regarding whether to write or whether to publish after writing, I sincerely thank my relatives, friends and colleagues for reminding me many times. For this reason, the author has also asked himself many times, what is the purpose of writing this paper? In the end, I still followed my heart instead of selfishness. With the development of science today, it is time for some contents to reform from the bottom. If an incident of deliberately misrepresent occurs in the scientific community, it is a disaster for mankind.

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