

Short Note

The Mass and the Mean Life Time
of the Mesotron

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According to the present theory of the nuclear forces and the β -decay, the mesotron with the charge $-e$ (or $+e$) can transform into a negative (or positive) electron and an anti neutrino (or a neutrino) when in vacuum, the mean life time due to this process being proportional to the energy. In the previous papers, the proper life time, i.e. the mean life time of the mesotron at rest, was calculated on the basis of the theory of the mesotron satisfying the Dirac-Proca equations and was found to be of the order of

$$T_0 = 1.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ sec}$$

for the mass of the mesotron m_0 if we assume the mass m_0 to be equal to $200 m_e$.

According to Fermi's theory of β -decay and was found to be of the order of $T_0 = \frac{4\pi}{g^2} \cdot \frac{h^2}{m_0 c^2} \left(\frac{2}{3} \lambda + \frac{1}{3} \mu \right)$, (1)

which has a numerical value about $T_0 \approx 1.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ sec}$ (2)

for the proper mass $m_0 = 200 m_e$, whereas the life time became very much too short, if we assumed the interaction equivalent to Konopinski-Uhlenbeck's theory. On the other hand, that in the value determined from the experiments by many various authors³⁾ from the experiments on the cosmic ray according to the suggestion of Euler and Heisenberg⁴⁾ (Feynman)

all pointed to a value of the order of

$$T_0 = 2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ sec} \quad (3)$$

Thus, the agreement of the theory and the experiment is not very satisfactory, so that which is in qualitative agreement with