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0.714  
 $\frac{5612}{1428}$   
 714  
 $\frac{091292}{33}$   
 2738  
 (2.74)

$\tau_0 = 2.74 \times a \times \chi^{-4} \times 10^{-6}$   
 $\chi \quad \chi^4 \quad a$   
 $\chi \neq 1 \quad 3.48 \quad 9.5 \times 10^{-6}$   
 $\neq 1.25 \quad 2.44 \quad 3.15 \quad 1.35 \times 10^{-6}$   
 $= 1.6 \quad 6.55 \quad 2.78 \quad 1.2 \times 10^{-6}$   
 $= 2 \quad 16 \quad 2.70 \quad 4.6 \times 10^{-7}$

2.74 0.43775<sup>-</sup> 2.74 0.43775<sup>-</sup>  
 3.48 0.54158<sup>-</sup> 2.78 0.44404<sup>-</sup>  
 $\frac{0.97933}{1.52} \quad 9.535 \quad \frac{6.55}{1.52} \quad 1.17918$   
 81624  
 $\frac{1.18376}{1.663} \quad 0.06555$

$\mu_0$	$\tau_0$	100 m	125 m	160 m	200 m
case i)	$9.5 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.5 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.2 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.6 \times 10^{-7}$	
case ii)	$1.9 \times 10^{-6}$	$0.7 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.4 \times 10^{-7}$	$0.9 \times 10^{-7}$	

$\frac{1}{2} \frac{v^2}{r} = 1 \quad \frac{.8}{24} = \frac{1}{3}$   
 (35)  $V_{12} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{g^2 e^{-\alpha r}}{r}$

$g_1 = \frac{a \cdot \chi^4}{4M}$   
 $g_2 = \frac{5a \cdot \chi^4}{\phi \cdot M}$

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Short Note

The Mass and the Life Time of the Mesotron

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According to the new field theory of the nuclear forces and the  $\beta$ -decay, the mesotron with the charge  $-e$  (or  $\beta\beta\beta\beta\beta\beta + e$ ) can transform into a negative (or positive) electron and an antineutrino (or a neutrino) even in vacuum, the mean life time due to this process being proportional to the energy. In the previous papers,<sup>2</sup> the proper life time  $\beta_0$  of the mesotron, i.e. the mean life time at rest, was calculated by assuming the interaction of it with the light particle, which was equivalent to that in Fermi's theory of  $\beta$ -decay. The result was

(1)

which has the numerical value

$$= 1.3 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ sec}$$

for  $m = 200 m_e$ ,  $g' = 4 \cdot 10^{-17}$  and

(2)

smaller by a factor  $(m/m_e)^2$  if  $\beta_0$  is assumed  $10^4$  times than (1) for the interaction equivalent to that in Konopinski-Uhlenbeck's theory.

On the other hand, the proper life time was determined by various authors<sup>4</sup> from the experiments on the cosmic ray according to the suggestion of Euler and

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- 2) Yukawa, Sakata and Taketani, Proc. Phys.-Math. Soc. Japan 20(1938), 319. (III).  
Yukawa, Sakata, Kobayasi and Taketani, *ibid.*, 720. (IV).
- 3) Blackett, Nature 142(1938), 992; Rossi, *ibid.*, 993; Ehrenfest and Freon, C. R. 207(1938), 853; Johnson and Pomerantz, Phys. Rev. 55(1939), 104; Blackett, Phys. Rev. 54(1938), 973.

$$G = \frac{f m^2 c}{\sqrt{4\pi^3} \cdot h^3} = \frac{f \cdot (m c^2)^2 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ erg} \cdot \text{erg}^2}{\sqrt{4\pi^3} \cdot h^3 \cdot \text{erg}^3 \text{ sec} \cdot \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{sec}^2}}$$

$$f = 4 \times 10^{-50} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ erg}$$

$$m^2 = m = 4.075 \times 10^{-28}$$

$$c = 3 \times 10^{10}$$

$$h = 1.042 \times 10^{-27}$$

$$\sqrt{2\pi} \cdot \pi = 2.50666 \times 3.1416$$

$$G = \frac{4 \times 10^{-50} \times (8.119)^2 \times 10^{-14}}{2.50666 \times 1.1416 \times (1.042)^3 \times 10^{-81} \times 2.7 \times 10^{30}}$$

$$= \frac{4 \times (8.119)^2}{2.50666 \times 1.1416 \times 2.7} \times 10^{-14}$$

$$8.119^2 = 65.92$$

$$1.042^3 = 1.084$$

$$\frac{3.1416}{2.50666} = 1.253$$

$$\frac{1.253 \times 65.92}{1.084 \times 2.7} = 263.68$$

$$\frac{263.68}{2.50666} = 105.18$$

1) Komori, Proc. Camb. Phil. Soc. 51 (1925), 284. See also Komori, Proc. Camb. Phil. Soc. 51 (1925), 284.  
 2) Diller, Kettner, and Ketschew, Z. Phys. 110 (1939), 481.  
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$$\frac{h}{2\pi m v} = \frac{h}{2\pi m c} = \frac{h}{2\pi \cdot 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \cdot 3 \times 10^{10}} = 7.7 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm} = 7.7 \text{ \AA}$$

Heisenberg.<sup>5</sup> Their results all point to a value of the order of  
 $= 2 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ sec}$  (3)

which is in qualitative agreement with the theoretical value (1) corresponding to Fermi interaction. The discrepancy of a factor 10 between the numerical values (2) and (3) seems to be due to various uncertainties on the side of the theory rather than to possible errors on the side of the experiment. In fact, the life time as given by (1) ~~decreases~~ increases rapidly as  $m$  becomes smaller, so that it is necessary to determine the numerical values more carefully for different values of  $m$ .

In the first place, the constants  $g_1, g_2$ , which are characteristic to the interaction between the mesotron and the heavy particle, can be chosen in the following way. The interaction between two heavy particles in S state is given approximately by

$$(4)$$

if we assume

$$(5)$$

From the small binding energy 2.17  $10^6$  eV of the deuteron, it follows that

$$(6)$$

changes slowly with  $= m c/h$ , where  $M$  is the mass of the heavy particle.<sup>6</sup>

According to the result of numerical solution of the deuteron problem by assuming the potential of the form (4),<sup>7</sup> we obtain

5) Euler, Naturwiss. 26(1938), 382; Zeits. f. Phys. 110(1938), 450; Euler und Heisenberg, Ergeb. exakt. Naturwiss. 17(1938), 1. See further Ferretti, Nuovo Cimento 15(1938), 421.  
6) Kemmer, Proc. Camb. Phil. Soc. 34(1938), 354. See further IV, §2.