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The Question Answered

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Fifty years ago, theoreticians T.D. Lee and C.N. Yang reached the conclusion that no experimental evidence existed to show that parity is conserved in weak interactions. The speaker will explain how it happened that that a team of physicists at the U.S. National Bureau of Standards in Washington, DC came to perform the revolutionary experiment that demonstrated the failure of parity conservation in nuclear beta-decay.