

## The X17 boson anomaly: status and prospects

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Certain anomalies observed in the angular correlation spectra of electron/positron pairs produced in nuclear transitions of  $^8\text{Be}$ ,  $^4\text{He}$  and  $^{12}\text{C}$  can be interpreted as the emission of a bosonic particle with a mass of 17 MeV, that promptly decays into  $e^+e^-$ . I review the current status of these anomalies and the theoretical interpretation for the hypothetical new particle. I will also describe the experimental prospects for validating or disproving the X17 hypothesis, and I will stress the importance of verifying the experimental nuclear physics hint by means of a particle physics experiment.

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