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1. Theory & Preparation

1.1 Mössbauer-effect

The process of **resonant absorption** in nuclear physics describes the phenomenon of subsequent de- and excitation of two equal atoms to the same energy levels via one γ -quant. Consider for example an excited state of ⁵⁷Fe, that emits a photon with energy (roughly) 14.4 keV during its transition to the ground state.

$$^{57}\mathrm{Fe}^* \longrightarrow ^{57}\mathrm{Fe} + \gamma$$

In principle, one could use this emitted photon to excite another ⁵⁷Fe atom to the higher energy state. The photon is absorbed resonantly by the atom during this process.

In reality, resonant absorption such as the Na-D-line only occurs under certain circumstances. Due to conservation laws the energy E_{γ} of the emitted photon does not exactly equal the transition energy E_0 , but is instead shifted downward by the nuclear recoil energy. A similar analysis finds that the energy for absorption of the same atom is shifted upwards.

$$\underbrace{E_{\gamma} = E_0 - \frac{p_{\gamma}^2}{2m}}_{\text{Emission}} \qquad \underbrace{E_{\gamma} = E_0 + \frac{p_{\gamma}^2}{2m}}_{\text{Absorption}} \tag{1.1}$$

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2. Experiment & Evaluation