



The TRINAT Trap Program

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Outline

Limit on Scalar Interaction
Upgraded Experiment and Projected Precision

Limit on Right-Handed Currents
Upgraded Experiment and Projected Precision

Limit on Tensor Interaction
Upgraded Experiment and Projected Precision

β -decay rate (Jackson, Treiman, Wyld 1957):

$$dW =$$

$$dW_o(1 + \frac{\vec{p}_\beta \cdot \vec{p}_\nu}{E_\beta E_\nu} a_{\beta\nu} + \frac{\Gamma m_e}{E_\beta} b + \frac{\vec{J}}{J} \cdot [\frac{\vec{p}_\beta}{E_\beta} A_\beta + \frac{\vec{p}_\nu}{E_\nu} B_\nu + \frac{\vec{p}_\beta \times \vec{p}_\nu}{E_\beta E_\nu} D] \\ + c[\frac{\vec{p}_\beta \cdot \vec{p}_\nu}{3E_\beta E_\nu} - \frac{(\vec{p}_\beta \cdot \vec{j})(\vec{p}_\nu \cdot \vec{j})}{E_\beta E_\nu}] \frac{J(J+1) - 3 < (\vec{J} \cdot \vec{j})^2 >}{J(2J-1)})$$

Allows for: V - A, Scalar, Tensor Interactions

Left, Right-handed currents

Time-reversal violation

$a_{\beta\nu}, b, c, A_\beta, B_\nu, D$: values predicted by the Standard Model

Recent review: S. Severijins and M. Beck, Rev. Mod. Phys. 78 991 (2006)

Measurements feasible using Atom traps and Radioactive Beams.

Limits on Scalar Boson Interaction

$$dW = dW_o(1 + \frac{\vec{p}_\beta \cdot \vec{p}_\nu}{E_\beta E_\nu} a_{\beta\nu} + \frac{m_e}{E_\beta} b + \frac{\vec{J}}{J} \cdot [\frac{\vec{p}_\beta}{E_\beta} A_\beta + \frac{\vec{p}_\nu}{E_\nu} B_\nu + \frac{\vec{p}_\beta \times \vec{p}_\nu}{E_\beta E_\nu} D] \\ + c[\frac{\vec{p}_\beta \cdot \vec{p}_\nu}{3E_\beta E_\nu} - \frac{(\vec{p}_\beta \cdot \vec{j})(\vec{p}_\nu \cdot \vec{j})}{E_\beta E_\nu}] \frac{J(J+1) - 3 < (\vec{J} \cdot \vec{j})^2 >}{J(2J-1)})$$

For pure Fermi $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ decay $\beta - \nu$ angular correlation:

$$P(\theta) = 1 + b \frac{m_\beta}{E_\beta} + a_{\beta\nu} \frac{v_\beta}{c} \cos(\theta)$$

$$a_{\beta\nu} = 1 - 4 \frac{g_S^2}{g_V^2} (|a_L^S|^2 + |a_R^S|^2) \quad b = \pm \frac{g_S}{g_V} \frac{\text{Re}(a_{LL} a_R^S)}{|a_{LL}|^2}$$

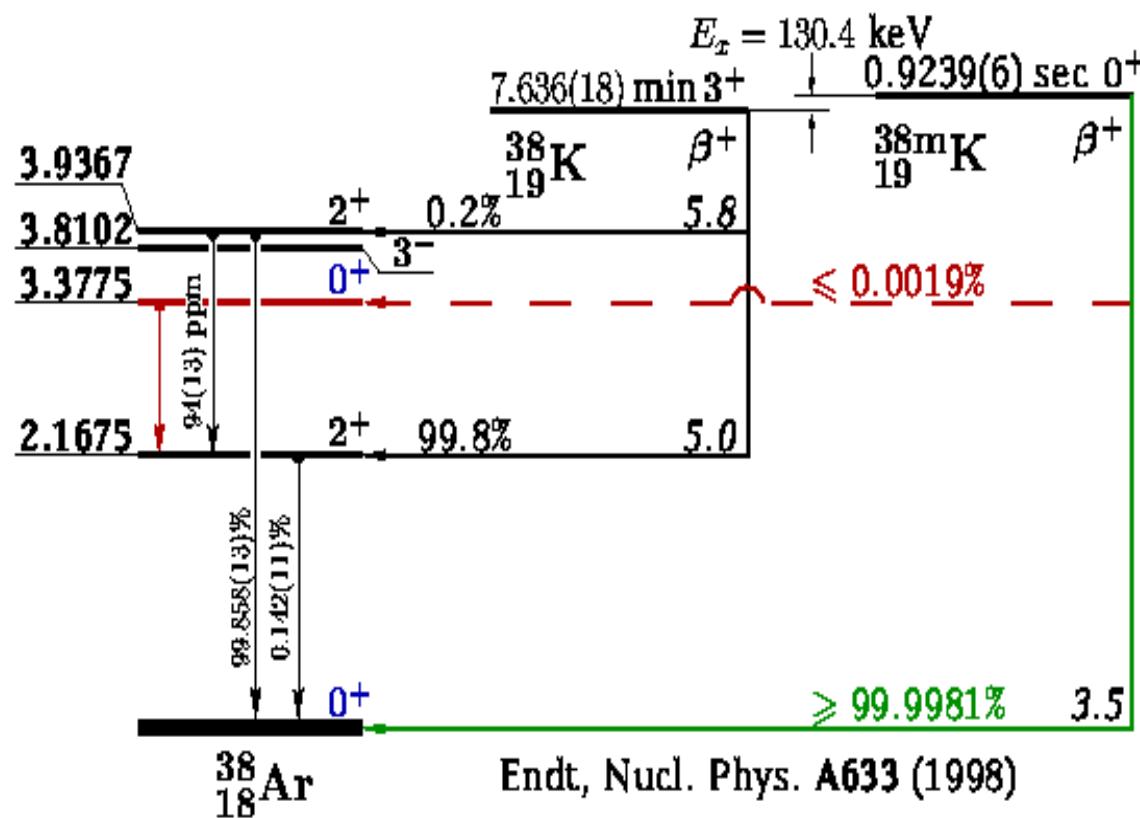
$$a_L^S = A_{LL} + A_{LR} \quad a_R^S = A_{RR} + A_{RL}$$

$$\text{SM: } b = 0, a_{\beta\nu} = 1.0.$$

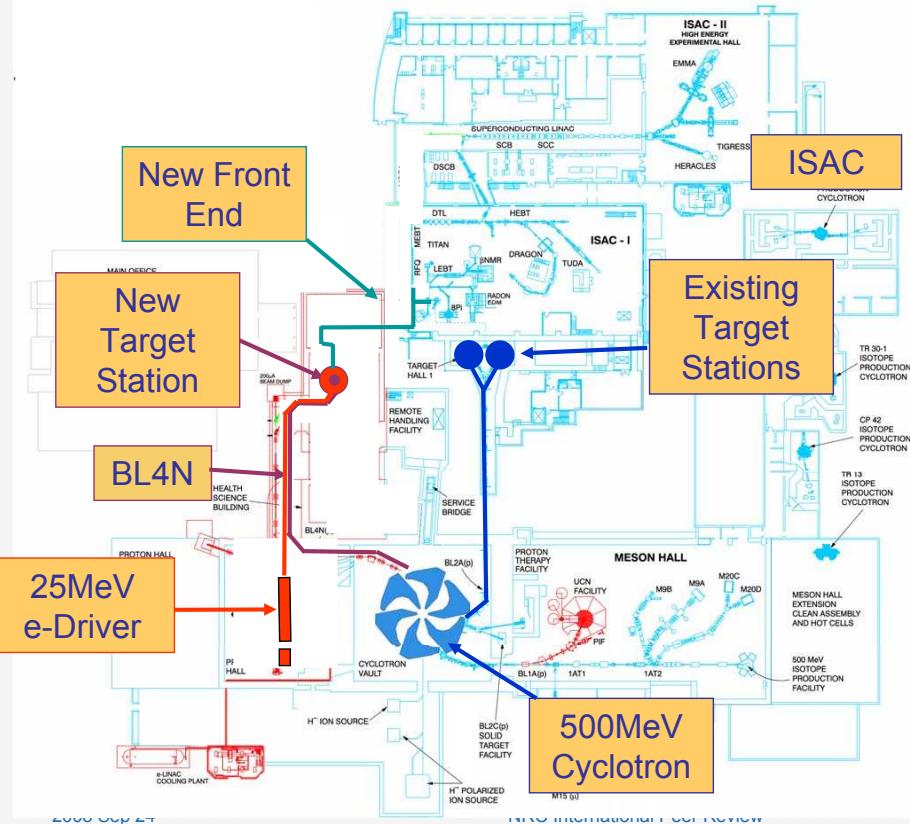
$C_S + C'_S \sim 0.001$ in MSSM, Profumo et al., PRD 75 075017

Measurement of $\beta^- - \nu$ Angular Correlation in $^{38m}K \xrightarrow{\beta^+} {}^{38}Ar$

$$Q({}_{19}^{38m}K) = 5.02234(12) \text{ MeV}$$



Future (2010-2015)



Proposal:

By 2013:

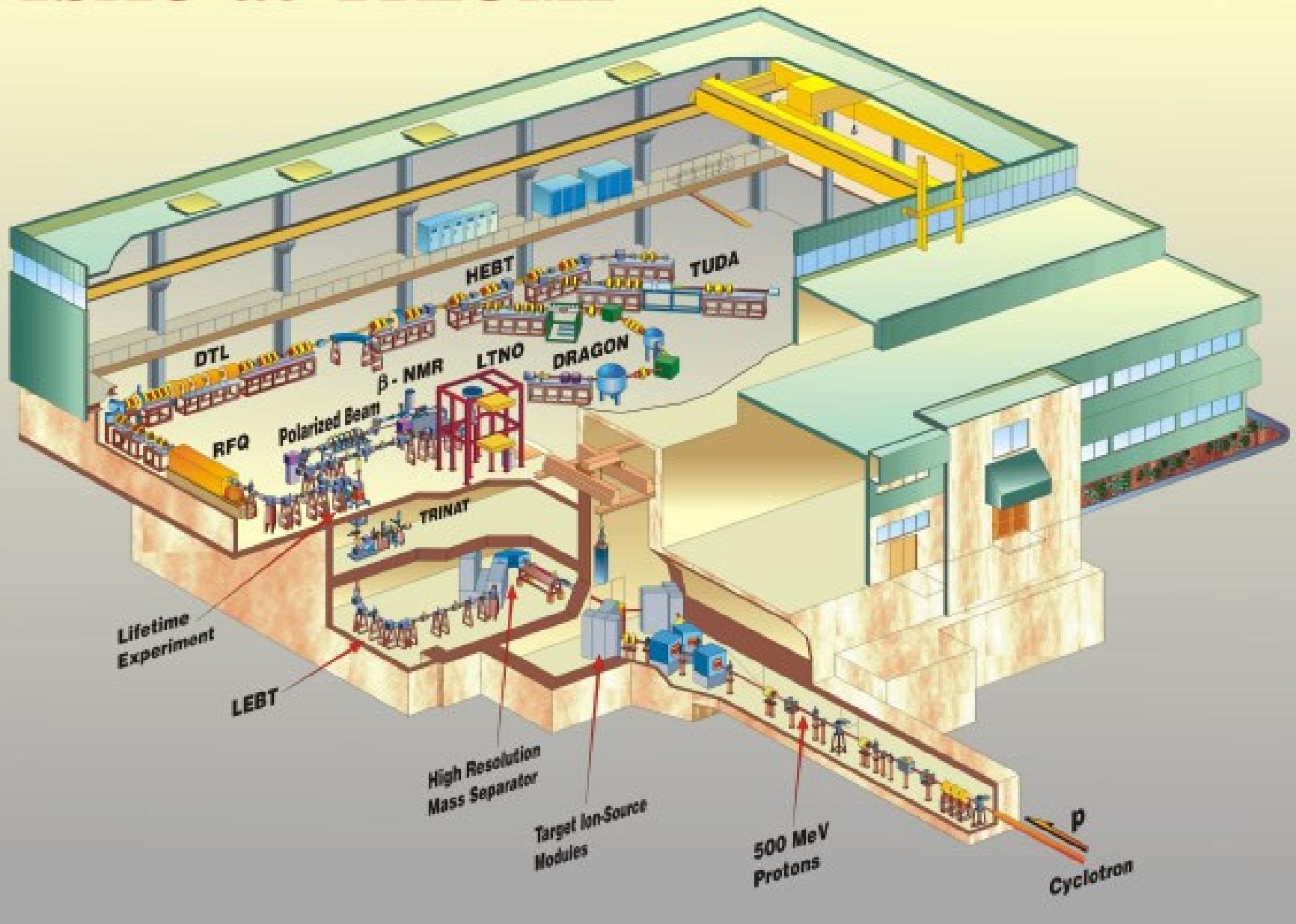
- Add a 25MeV electron driver to supply electrons to one new target

- Add a new ISAC front-end to deliver a second RIB beam to ISAC

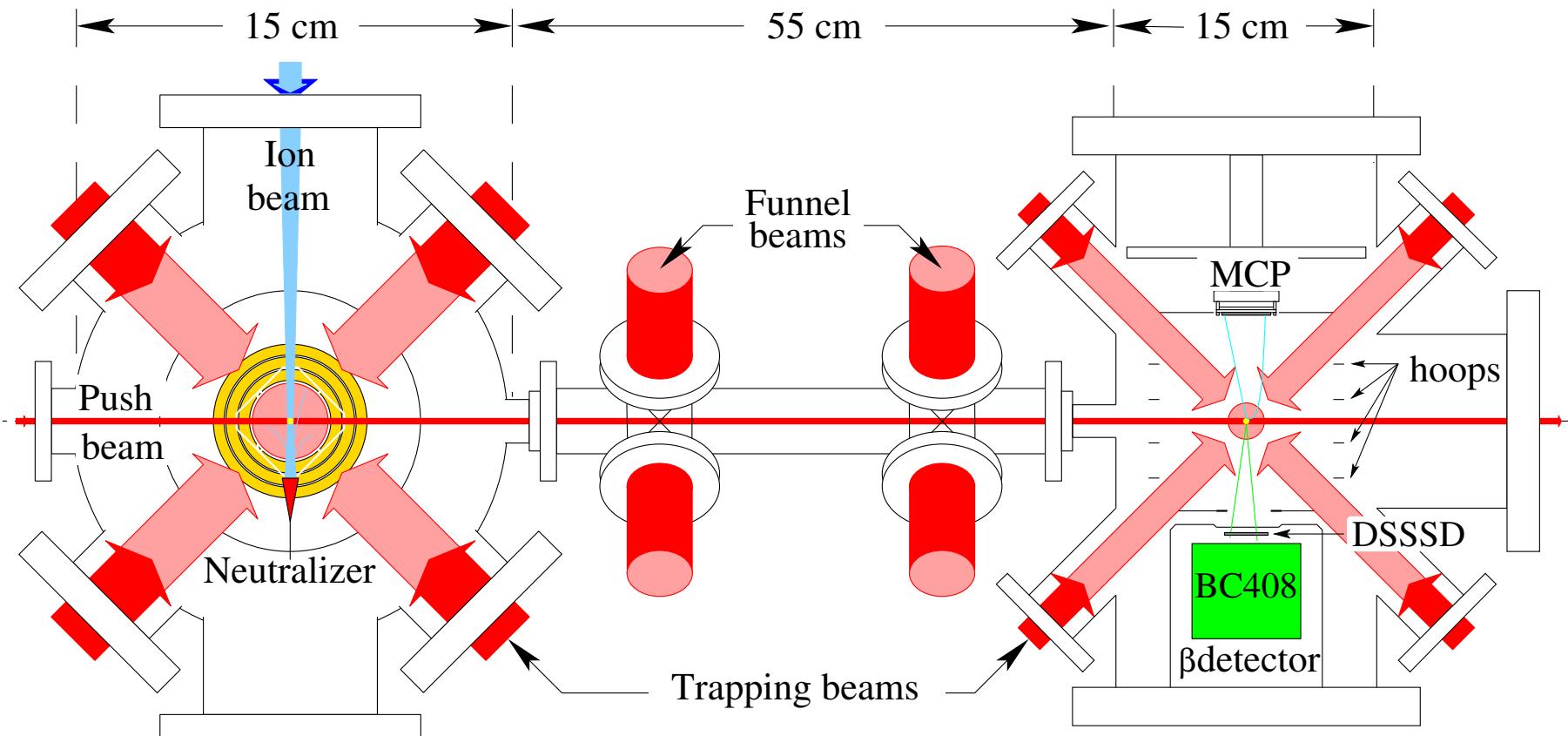
By 2015:

- Add a new beam line from the cyclotron to deliver 500MeV protons to the new target

ISAC at TRIUMF



TRINAT DOUBLE MOT TRAPPING SYSTEM



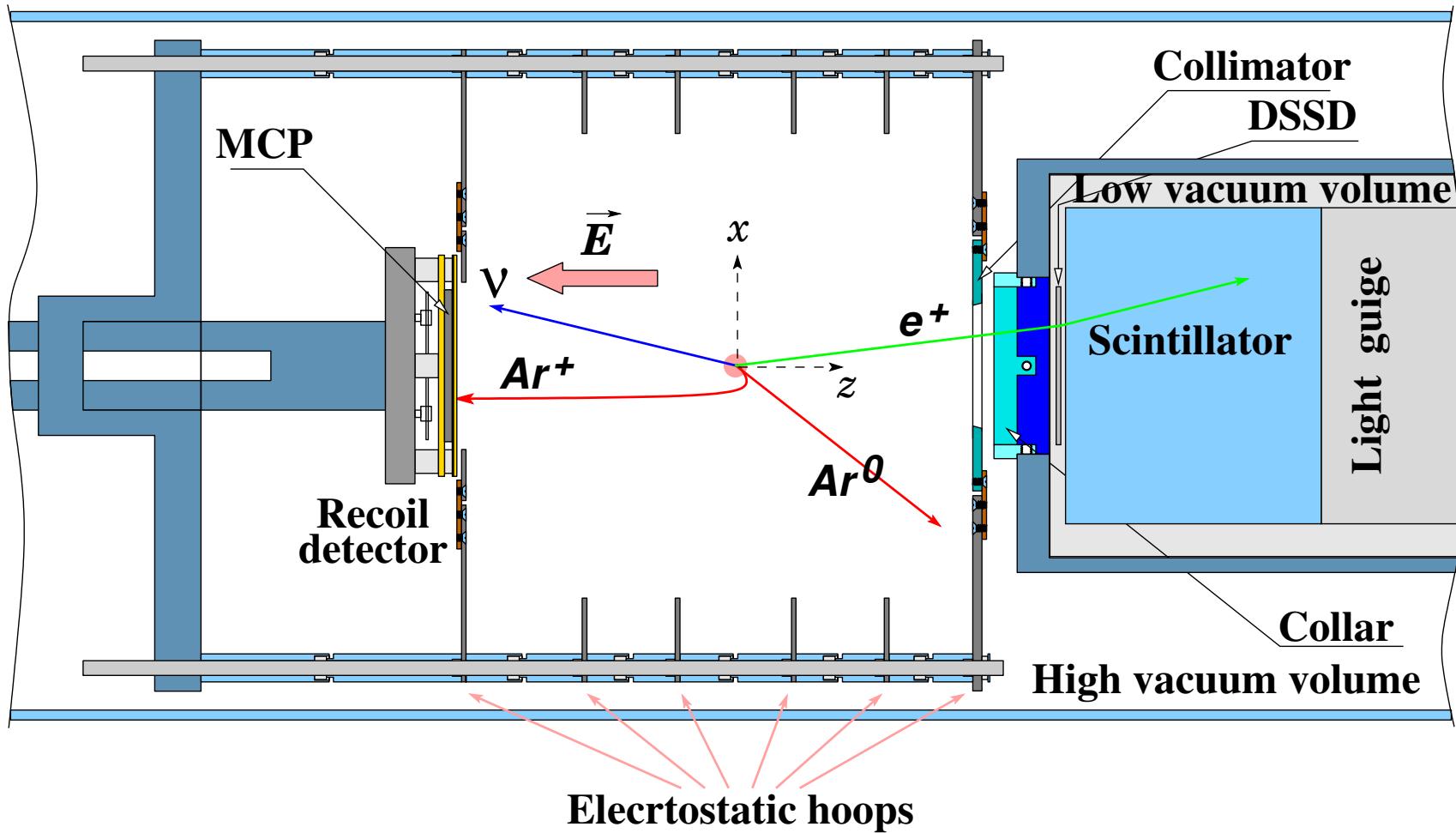
Collection chamber

- 95% $^{38}\text{gs K}^+$ ($t_{1/2} = 7.64 \text{ min}$) + 5% $^{38m}\text{K}^+$ ($t_{1/2} = 0.924 \text{ s}$)
- neutralization of $^{38}\text{K}^+$
- vapor cell trap
- 10^{-8} Torr
- 0.1% of ^{38m}K trapped
- 75% of trapped ^{38m}K moved

Detection chamber

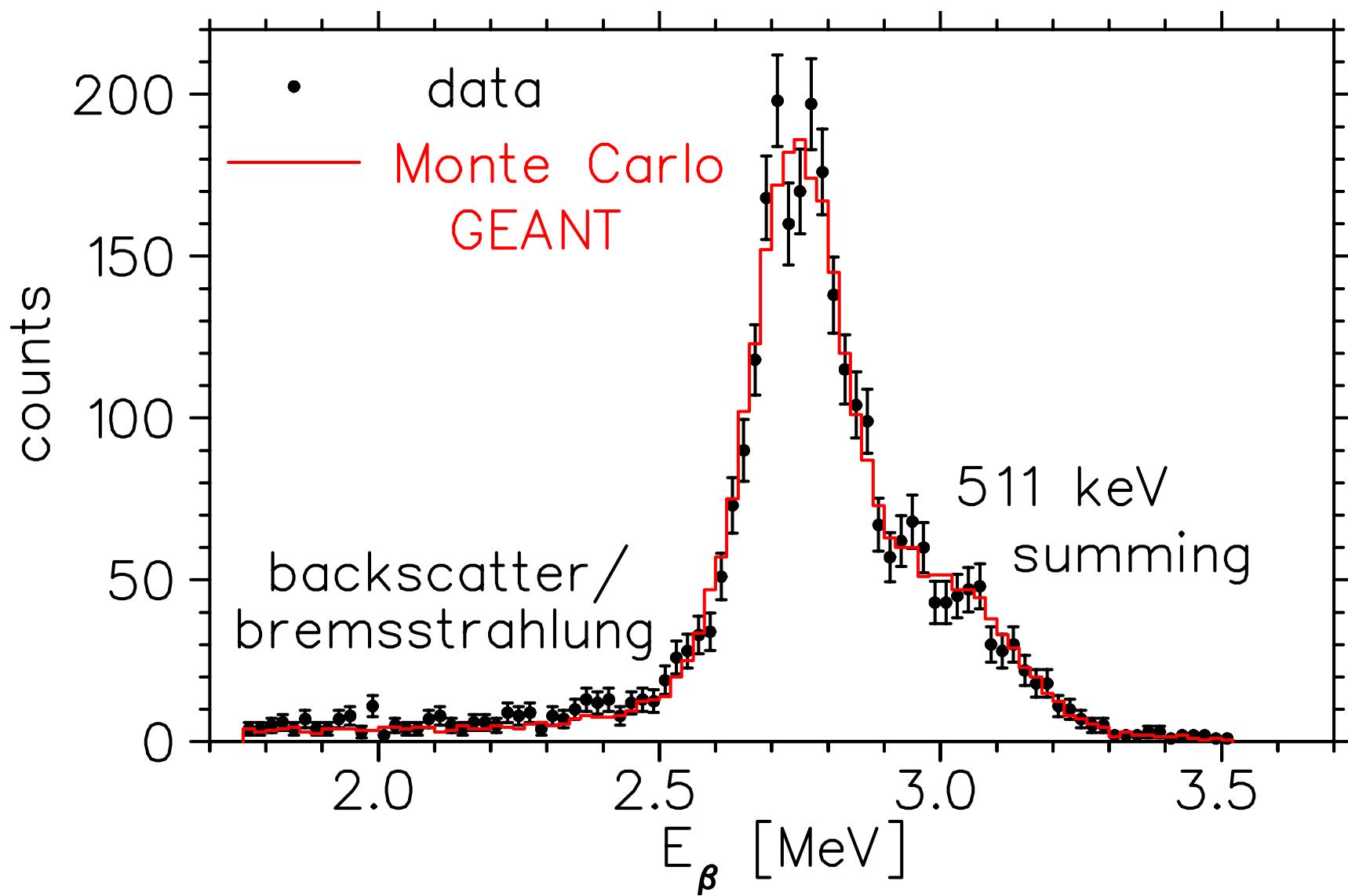
- 100% ^{38m}K , $t_{1/2} = 0.924 \text{ s}$
- retrap from atomic beam
- $3 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ Torr}$, $t_{1/2}^{\text{trap}} = 30 \text{ s}$
- 0.75 mm FWHM trap size
- 2000 atoms in trap
- photoionization of ^{38m}K

TRINAT DETECTION SYSTEM FOR ^{38m}K DECAY



- High recoil collection and detection efficiencies due to E -field
- Coincident detection of e^+ and recoils back-to-back
- Position information both from e^+ and recoil detectors
- Possibility to measure p_e and p_{recoil} and using them to determine p_ν .
- Chamber geometry suppresses recoiling ion detection from decays on walls and electrostatic hoops

Exploiting over-determined kinematics



Results: A. Gorelov *et al.*, PRL 94, 142501 (2005)

$$P(\theta) = 1 + b \frac{m_\beta}{E_\beta} + a_{\beta\nu} \frac{v_\beta}{c} \cos(\theta)$$

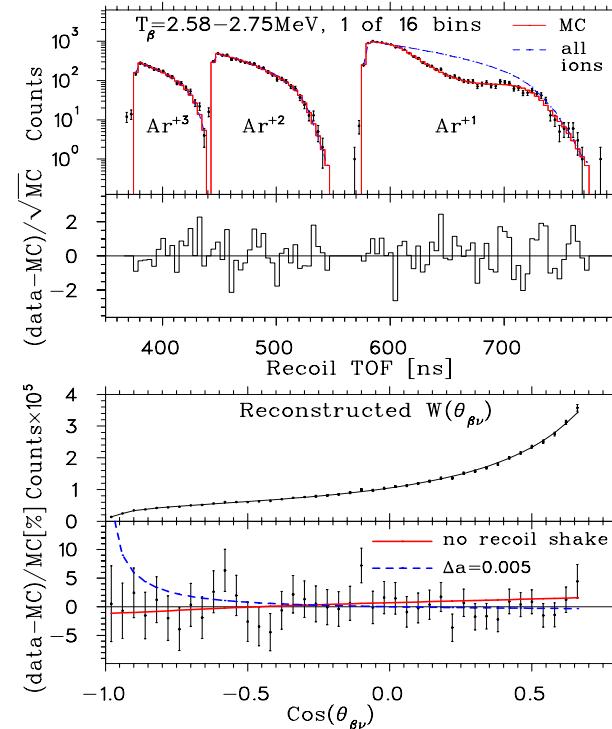
For $|b| < 0.04$, $\langle E_\beta \rangle = 3.3$ MeV

Define:

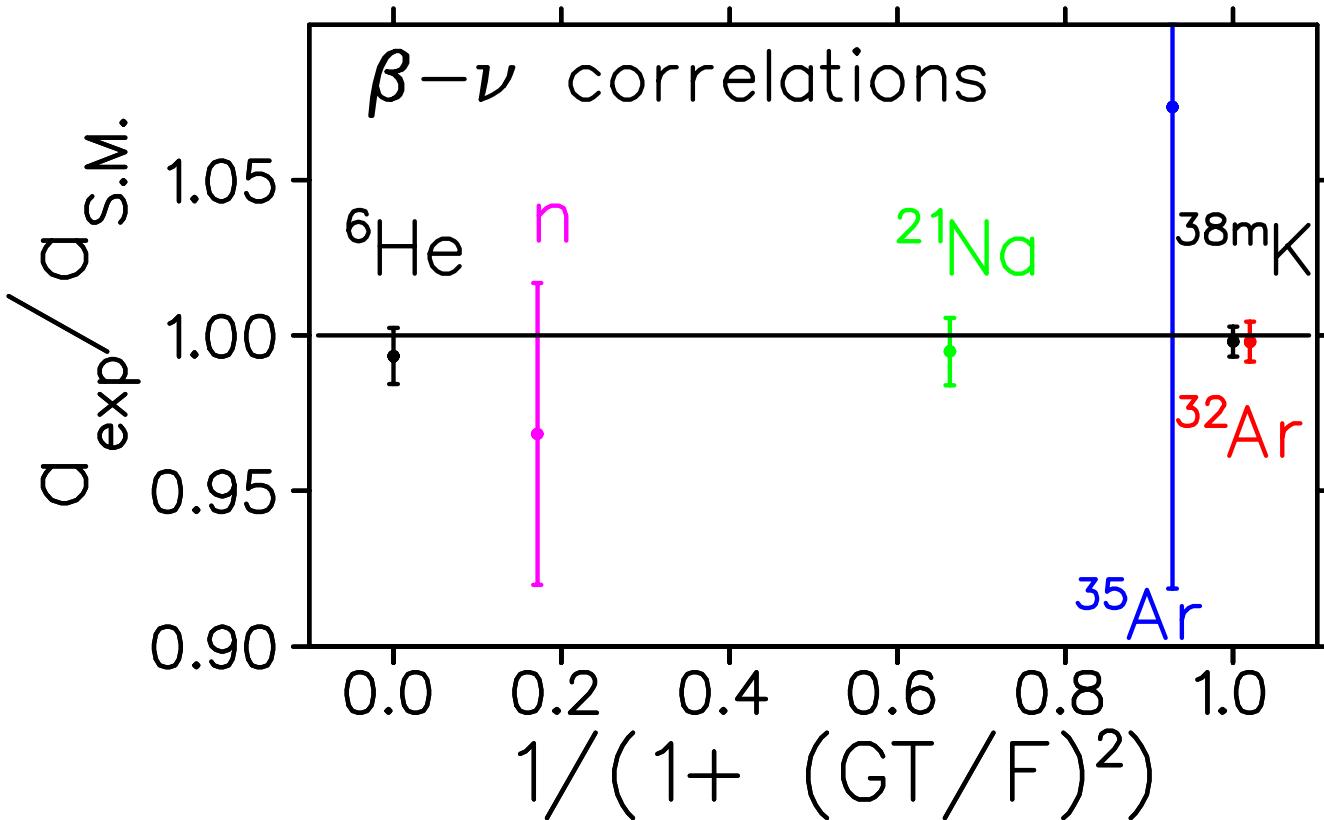
$$\tilde{a} = \frac{a_{\beta\nu}}{1 + b \frac{m_\beta}{\langle E_\beta \rangle}}$$

$$\tilde{a} = 0.9981 \pm 0.0030^{+0.0032}_{-0.0037}$$

In agreement with the Standard Model.



Summary of results for a



${}^{32}\text{Ar}$: E. G. Adelberger et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 83, 1299(1999)

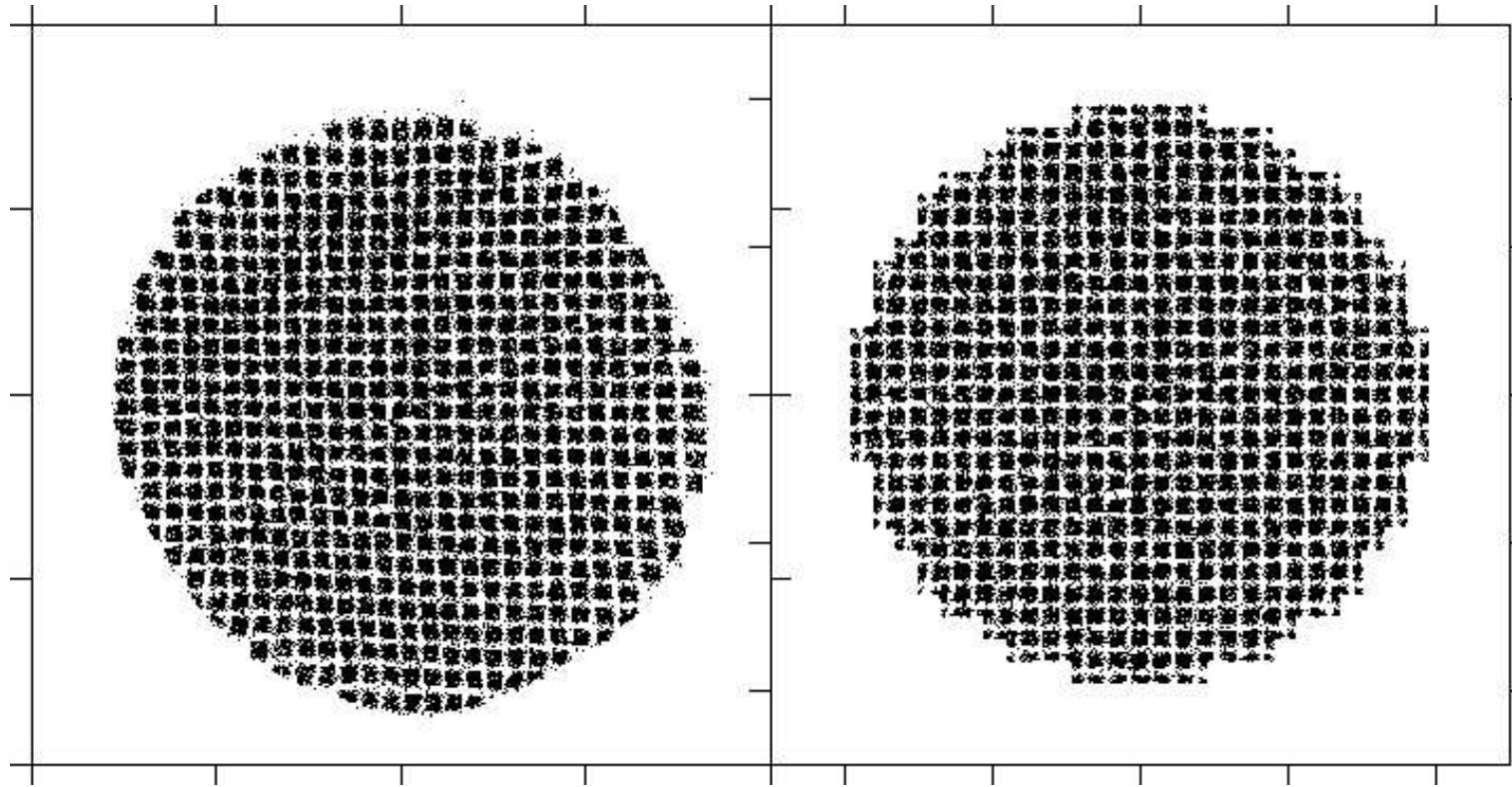
${}^{38m}\text{K}$: A. Gorelov et al., PRL 94, 142501 (2005)

${}^{21}\text{Na}$: P.A. Vetter et al., Phys. Rev. C77, 035502 (2008)

Upgraded System for ^{38m}K decay measurement

- Reduce all systematic and statistical errors:
- New, larger MCP detector and β telescope - near 100% acceptance for ions. Improved low E_β detection for Fierz term measurement.
- Time and momentum focusing for better resolution and charge state separation.
- Higher beam intensity: $40\mu\text{A}$ vs. $1\mu\text{A}$ in previous experiment.
- New chamber design to accomodate all the above.

RECOIL DETECTOR SPATIAL CALIBRATION



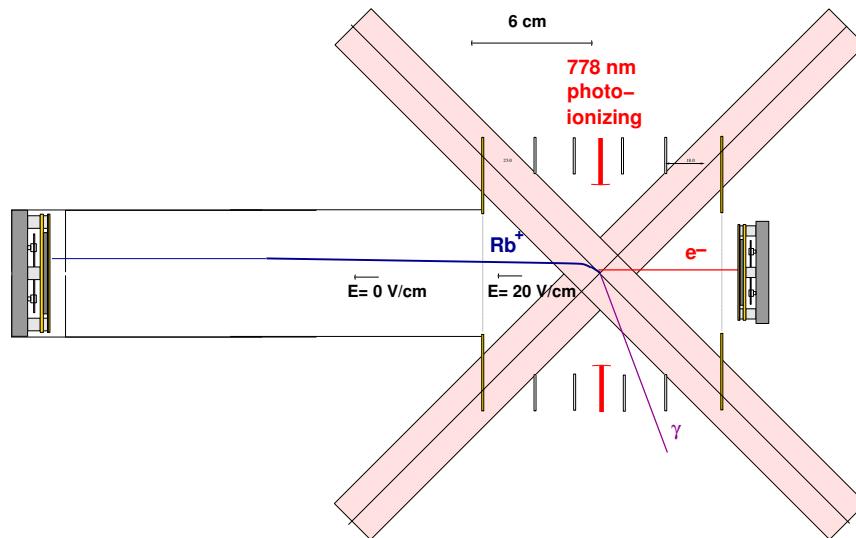
Calibration performed with precise mask (2mmx2mm hole, 1mm strip) and ^{148}Gd source. Evaluated resolution 0.25mm.

Time Focussing: p_{recoil} FROM 2% I.C. DECAY OF ^{86m}Rb

K,L e⁻

$p = 920,932 \text{ kev/c}$

$\Delta p/p \approx 0.03$



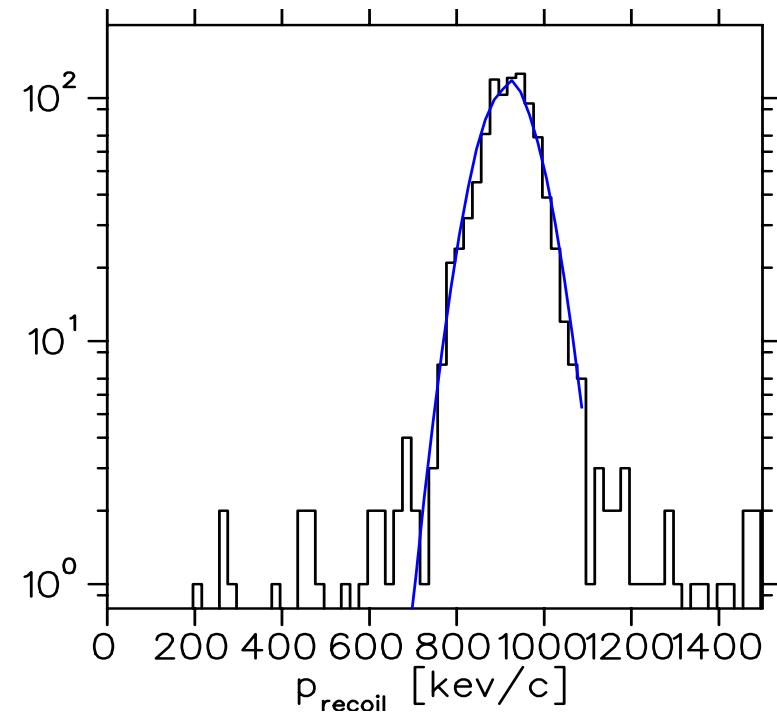
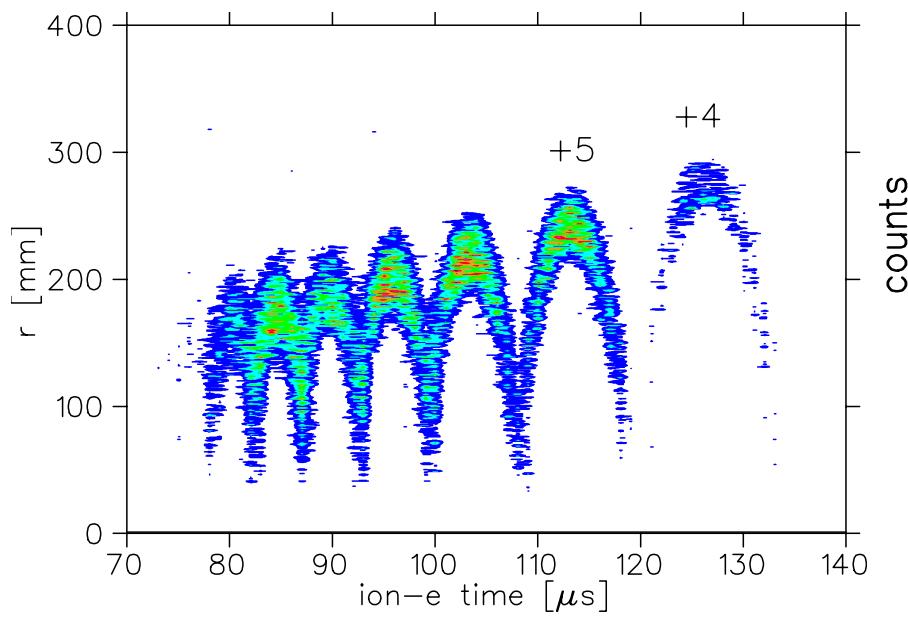
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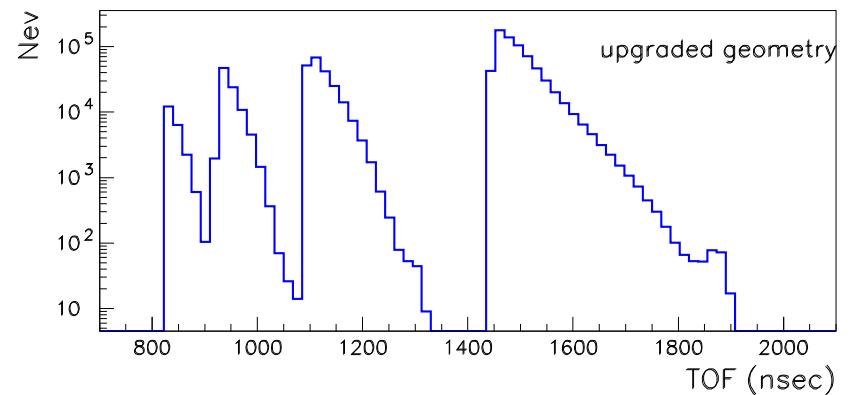
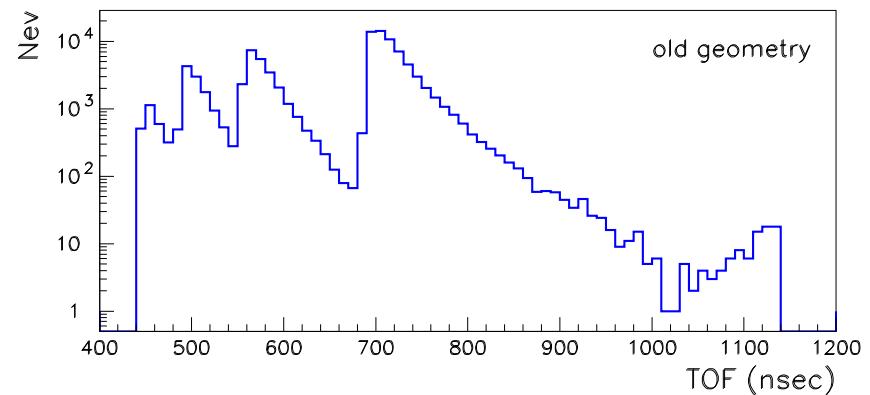
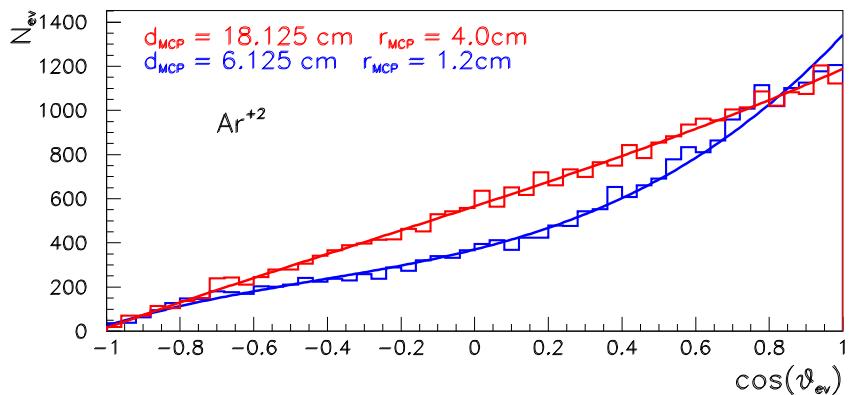
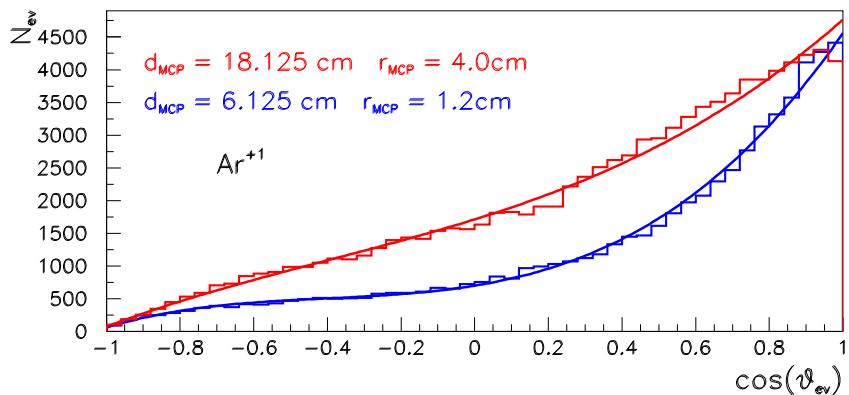
556 keV

^{86}Rb



Improved acceptance and time/charge-state resolution

Simulations for ^{38m}K decay

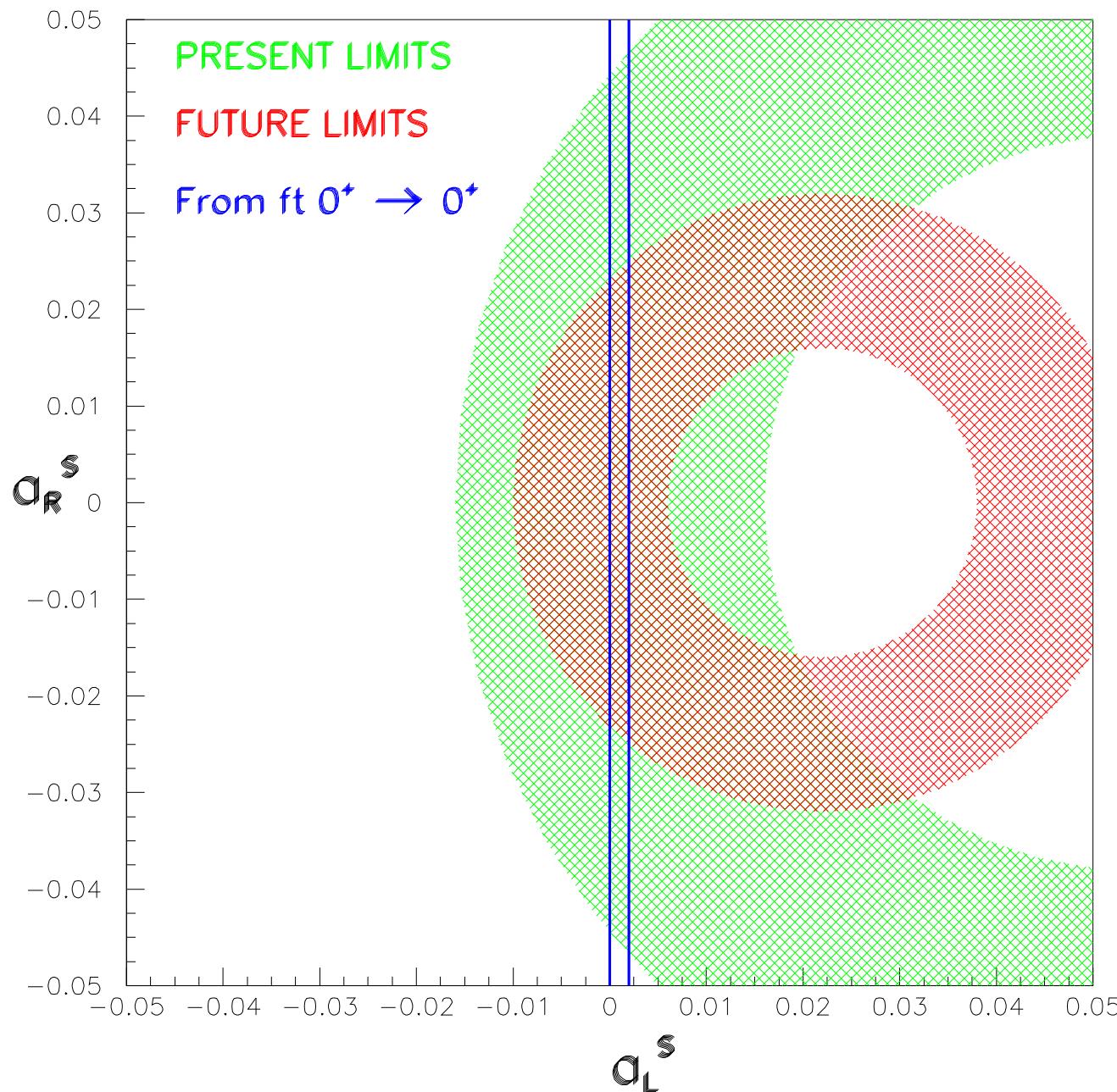


PRESENT AND PLANNED ERRORS (^{38m}K decay)

	PRESENT	FUTURE
Applied electric field		
E-field non-uniformity	0.0010	0.0003
E-field/trap size	0.0012	0.0004
Beta-detector response		
Energy calibration	0.0016	0.0008
Line shape tail/total	0.0013	0.0003
511keV Compton summing	0.0002	0.0004
Recoil Detector efficiency		
MCP incident recoil angle	0.0006	0.0004
MCP incident ion energy	0.0010	0.0003
Prompt peak	0.0009	
Transverse trap position	+0.0000 -0.0004	
Electron shake-off	+0.0000 -0.0015	0.0003
Total systematic error	+0.0030 -0.0034	0.0012

- Most errors determined by statistics-limited data evaluation.
 - Further improvements: use all kinematic information.
 - Extend analysis to lower E_β to measure b .

Limits on Scalar Interaction



Polarization Observables

$$dW = dW_o(1 + \frac{\vec{p}_\beta \cdot \vec{p}_\nu}{E_\beta E_\nu} a_{\beta\nu} + \frac{\Gamma m_e}{E_\beta} b + \frac{\vec{J}}{J} \cdot [\frac{\vec{p}_\beta}{E_\beta} A_\beta + \frac{\vec{p}_\nu}{E_\nu} B_\nu + \frac{\vec{p}_\beta \times \vec{p}_\nu}{E_\beta E_\nu} D] + c[\frac{\vec{p}_\beta \cdot \vec{p}_\nu}{3E_\beta E_\nu} - \frac{(\vec{p}_\beta \cdot \vec{j})(\vec{p}_\nu \cdot \vec{j})}{E_\beta E_\nu}] [\frac{J(J+1) - 3 <(\vec{J} \cdot \vec{j})^2>}{J(2J-1)}])$$

$$\text{Asymmetry} = \frac{\sigma(\uparrow) - \sigma(\downarrow)}{\sigma(\uparrow) + \sigma(\downarrow)}$$

$\vec{J} \parallel \vec{P}_\beta \Rightarrow$ measure A_β (β singles or coin. with recoil)

$$\vec{J} \perp \vec{P}_\beta, \quad \vec{P}_\nu = \vec{P}_R - \vec{P}_\beta \quad \Rightarrow dW \propto \frac{\vec{J}}{J} \cdot \left[B_\nu \vec{P}_R + D \frac{(\vec{P}_\beta \times \vec{P}_R)}{E_\beta} \right]$$

Measure B_ν from Recoil Asymmetry in $\vec{P}_R \parallel \vec{J}$ plane

Measure D from Recoil Asymmetry in $\vec{P}_R \perp \vec{J}$ plane

Right-handed Currents

$$|W_L\rangle = \cos\zeta|W_1\rangle - \sin\zeta|W_2\rangle$$

$$|W_R\rangle = \sin\zeta|W_1\rangle + \cos\zeta|W_2\rangle$$

Define: $x = (M_L/M_R)^2 - \zeta$ and $y = (M_L/M_R)^2 + \zeta$

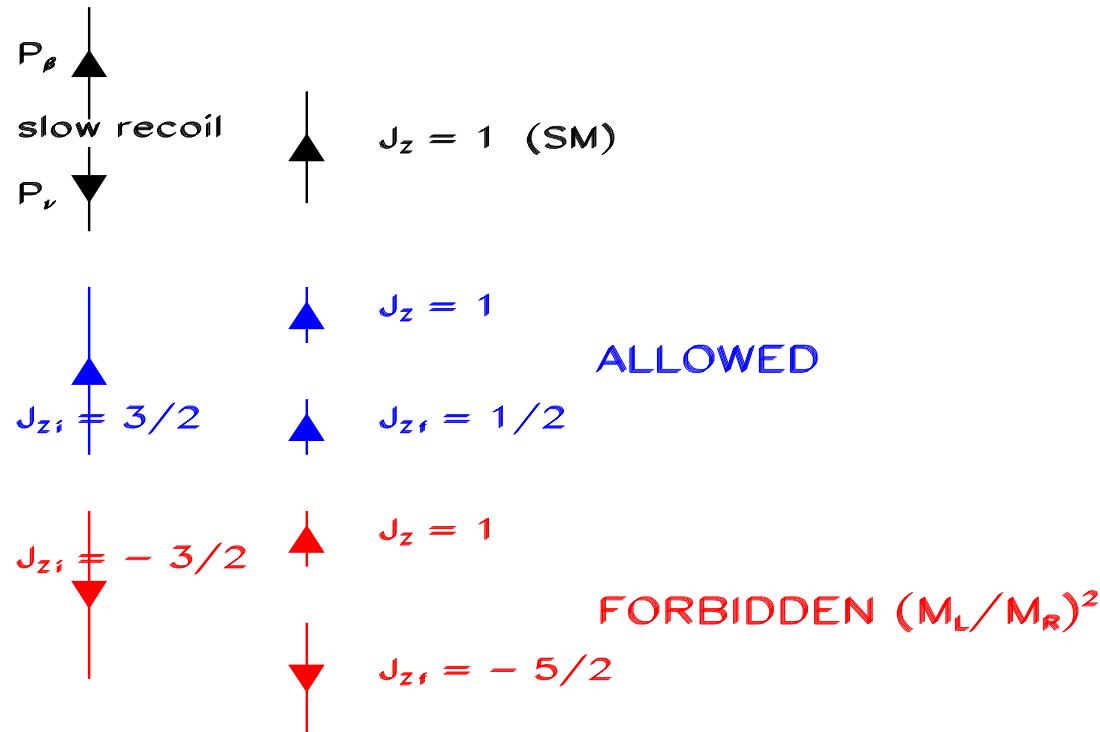
$$\lambda \equiv g_A M_{GT}/g_V M_F$$

$$A_\beta = \frac{-2\lambda}{1+\lambda^2} \left[\frac{\lambda(1-y^2)}{5(1+y^2)} - (1-xy) \sqrt{\frac{3(1+x^2)}{5(1+y^2)}} \right]$$

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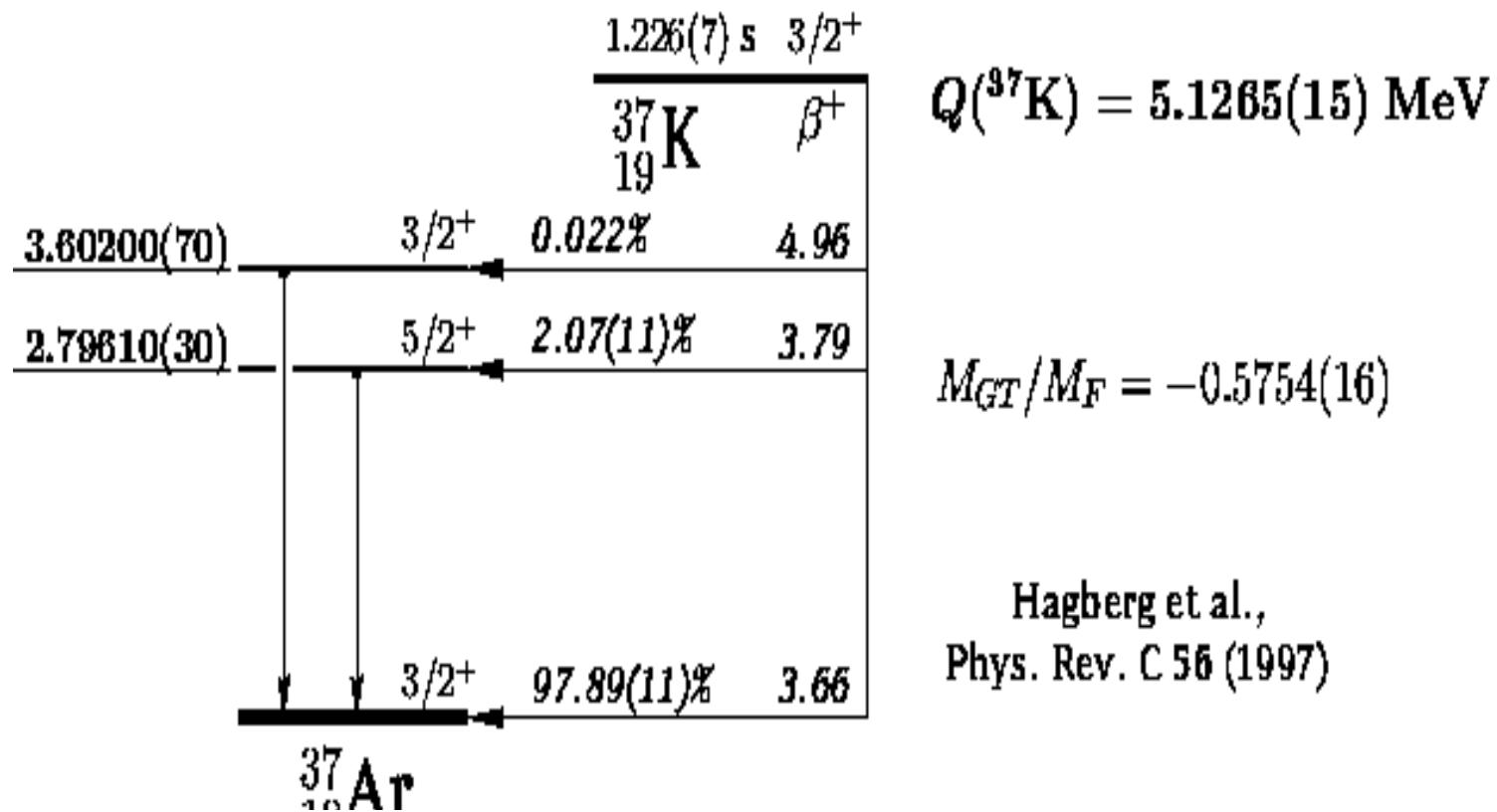
$$R_{slow} \equiv \frac{dW(\vec{J} \cdot \vec{p}_\beta = -1)}{dW(\vec{J} \cdot \vec{p}_\beta = +1)} = \frac{1-a-2c/3-(A+B)}{1-a-2c/3+(A+B)} = y^2$$

The R_{slow} Concept



Measurement of $\beta^- - \nu$ Angular Correlation in Polarized $^{37}K \xrightarrow{\beta^+} {}^{37}Ar$

More precise determination of decay branching ratios underway in
Texas A & M University



**Coefficients of $\beta - \nu$ Angular Correlation
in Polarized $^{37}K \xrightarrow{\beta^+} {}^{37}Ar$**

**Calculated with the Standard Model assuming
 $\lambda \equiv g_A M_{GT}/g_V M_F = -0.5754 \pm 0.0018$**

Maximal Parity Violation

observable	$a_{\beta\nu}$	A_β	B_ν	c
value	0.6683	-0.5702	-0.7692	0.1990
error ¹	0.0013	0.0005	0.0013	0.0008

¹ Due to error in λ

$$b = D = R_{slow} = 0$$

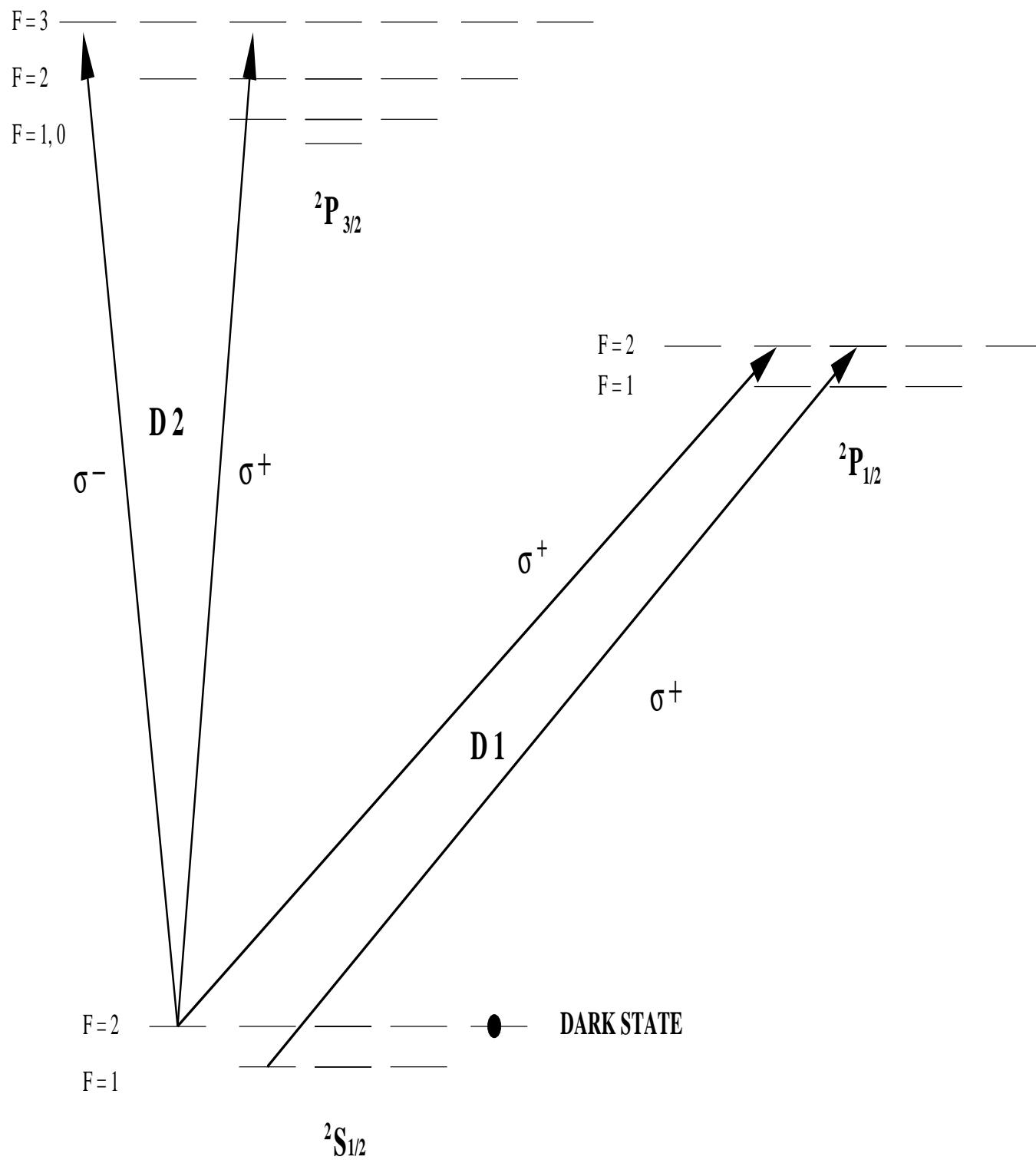
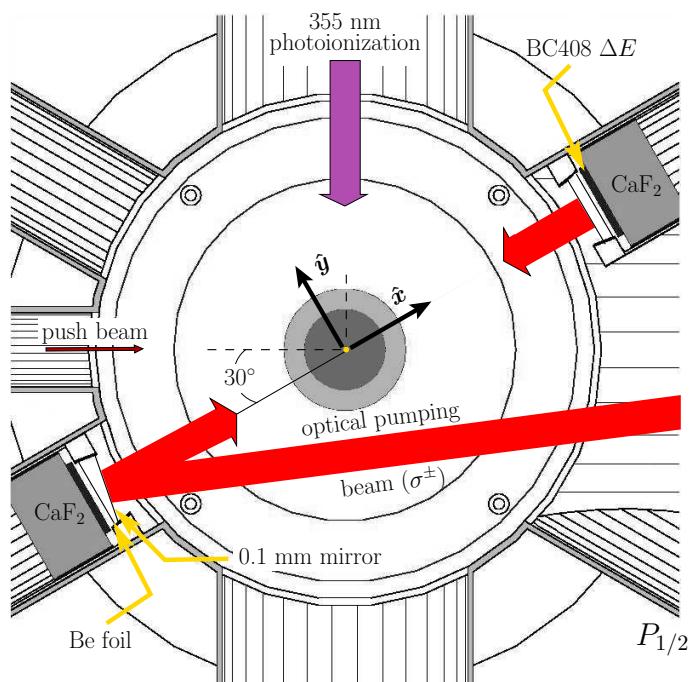


Figure 1: Hyperfine level scheme of the $^2S_{1/2}$ ground

Optical Pumping



\hat{x} = polarization axis
 $=$ phoswich detector axis
 \hat{z} = MCP – β -telescope axis

can monitor
 atomic fluorescence
 via photoions

$$\vec{F} = \vec{I} + \vec{J}$$

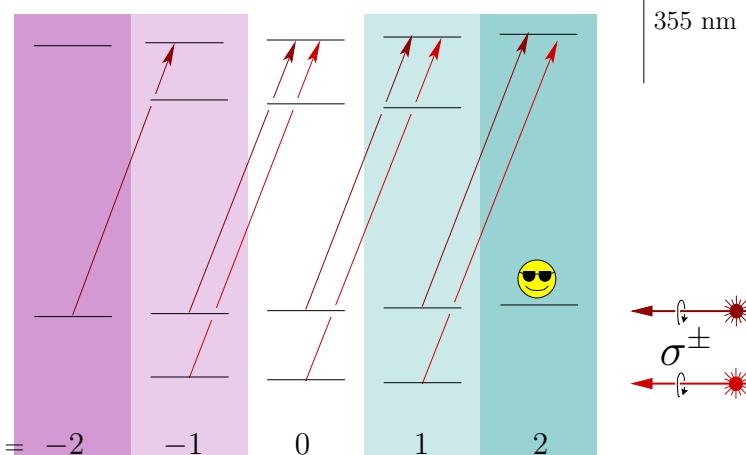
$$I = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$J = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\vec{B}_{\text{OP}} = 2.5 \text{ G}$$

$$S_{1/2}$$

$$m_F = -2 \quad -1 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 2$$



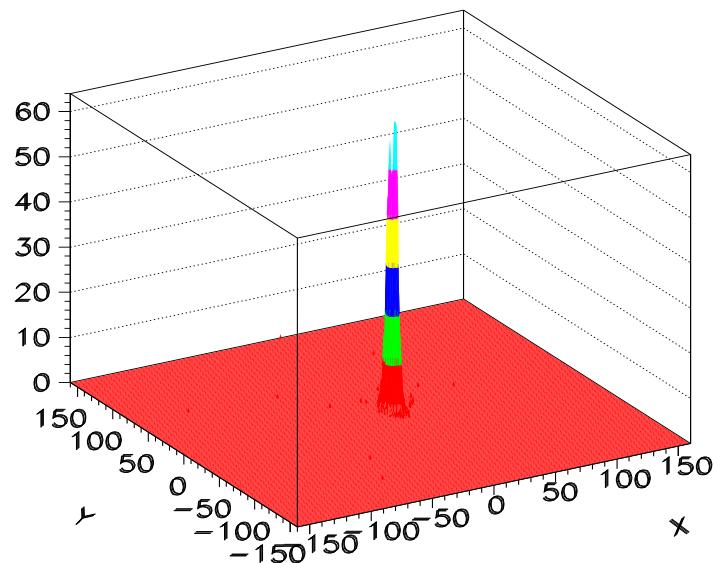
Searching for Right-Handed Currents in the β -decay of Laser-Cooled, Polarized ^{37}K
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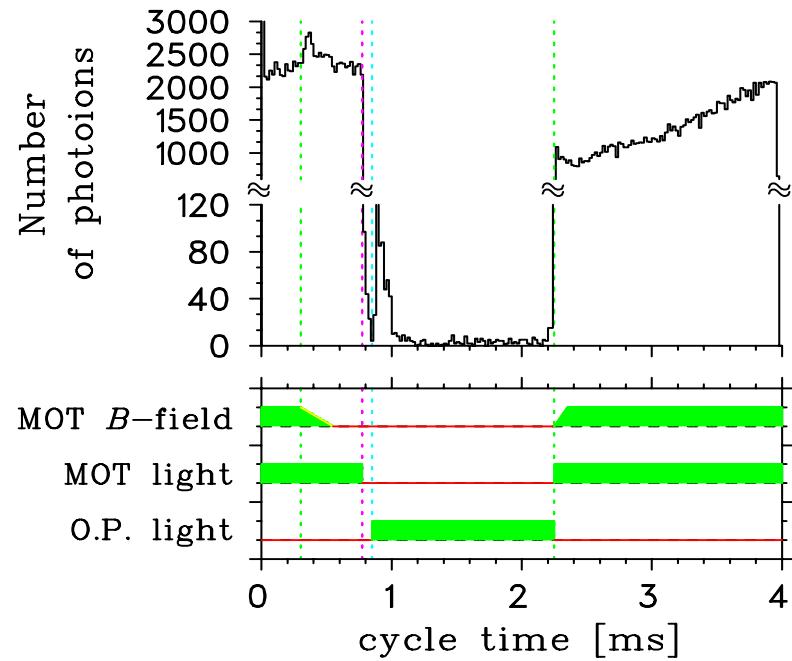
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Determination of the Polarization

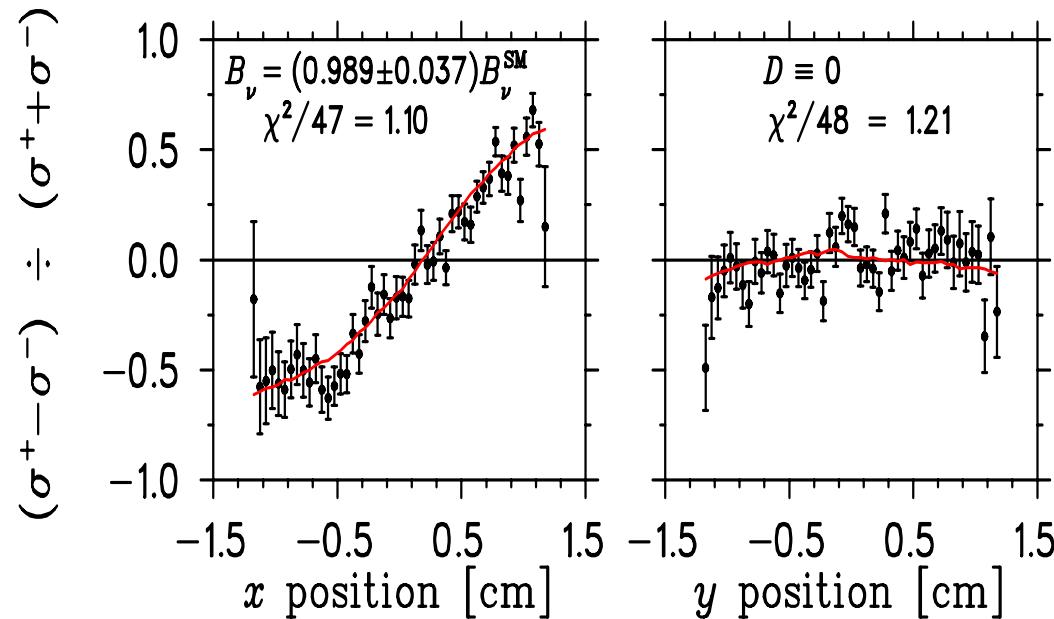


Photoions detected in MCP



Trap Cycle

Measure B_ν from Recoil Asymmetry in $\hat{x} - \hat{z}$ plane
 Measure D from Recoil Asymmetry in $\hat{y} - \hat{z}$ plane



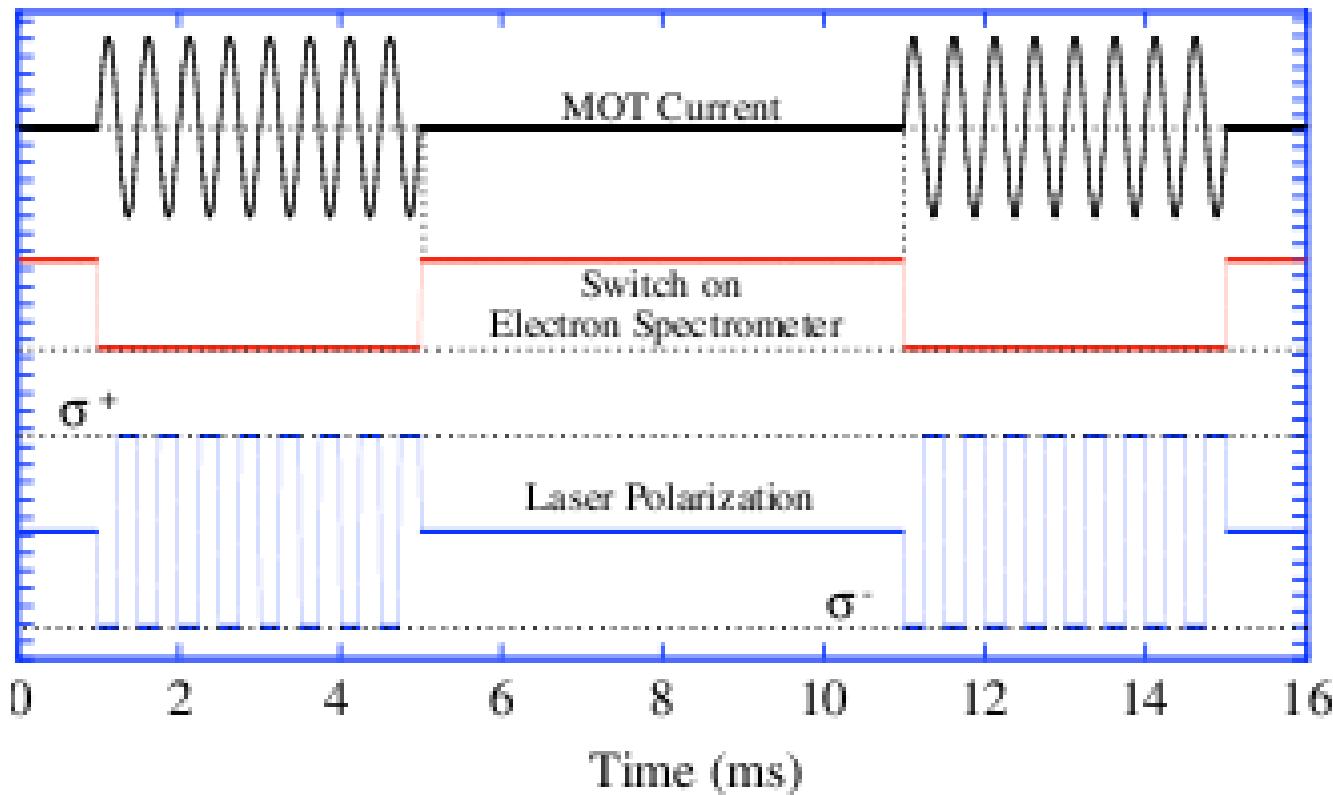
$$B_\nu = 0.755 \pm 0.020(\text{stat}) \pm 0.013(\text{syst})$$

D. Melconian et al. PL B 649, 370 (2007)

Upgraded Experimental System

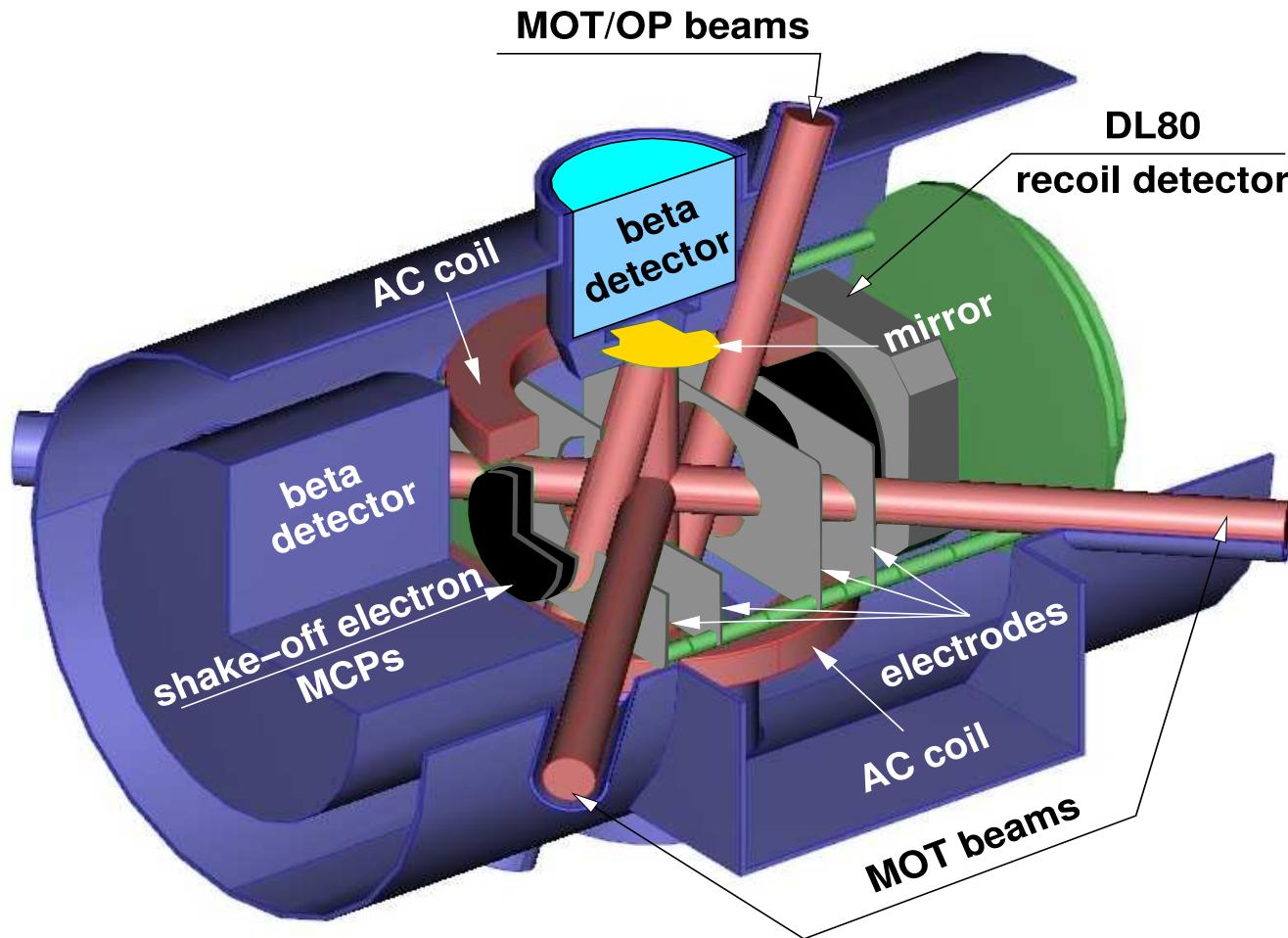
- Reduce all systematic and statistical errors:
- New, larger MCP detector and β telescope - near 100% acceptance for ions. Improved low E_β detection for Fierz term measurement.
- New polarization detectors with Si MSD and plastic scintillator. Position information and better resolution.
- Time and momentum focusing for better resolution and charge state separation.
- Shakeoff electron detection for background suppression.
- Better trapping/polarization cycle by using AC MOT.
- Higher beam intensity: $40\mu A$ vs. $1\mu A$ in previous experiment.
- New chamber design to accomodate all the above.

The principle of AC MOT

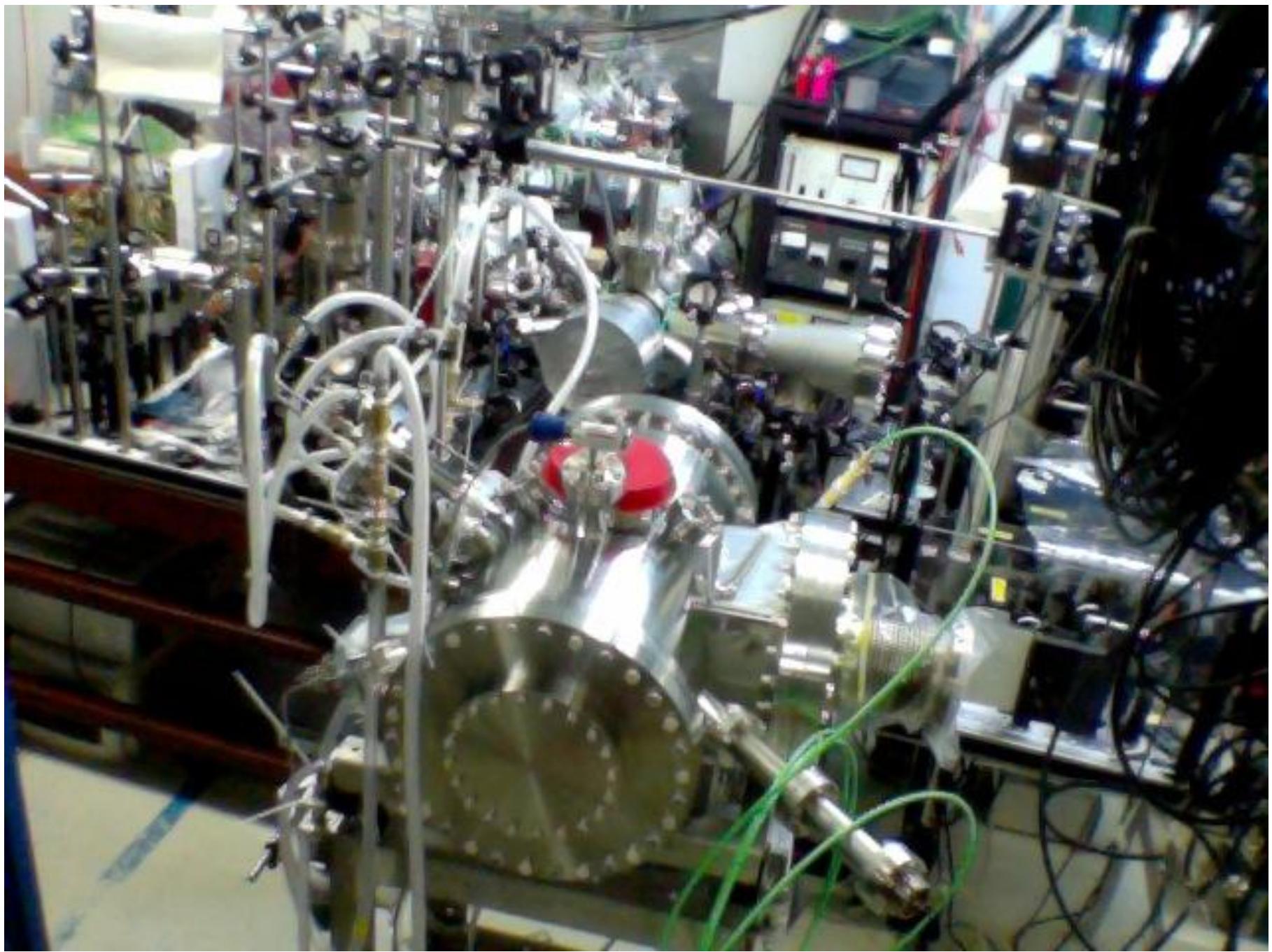


M. Harvey and A.J. Murray Phys. Rev. Lett. 101, 173201 (2008)

NEW DETECTION CHAMBER FOR ^{37}K

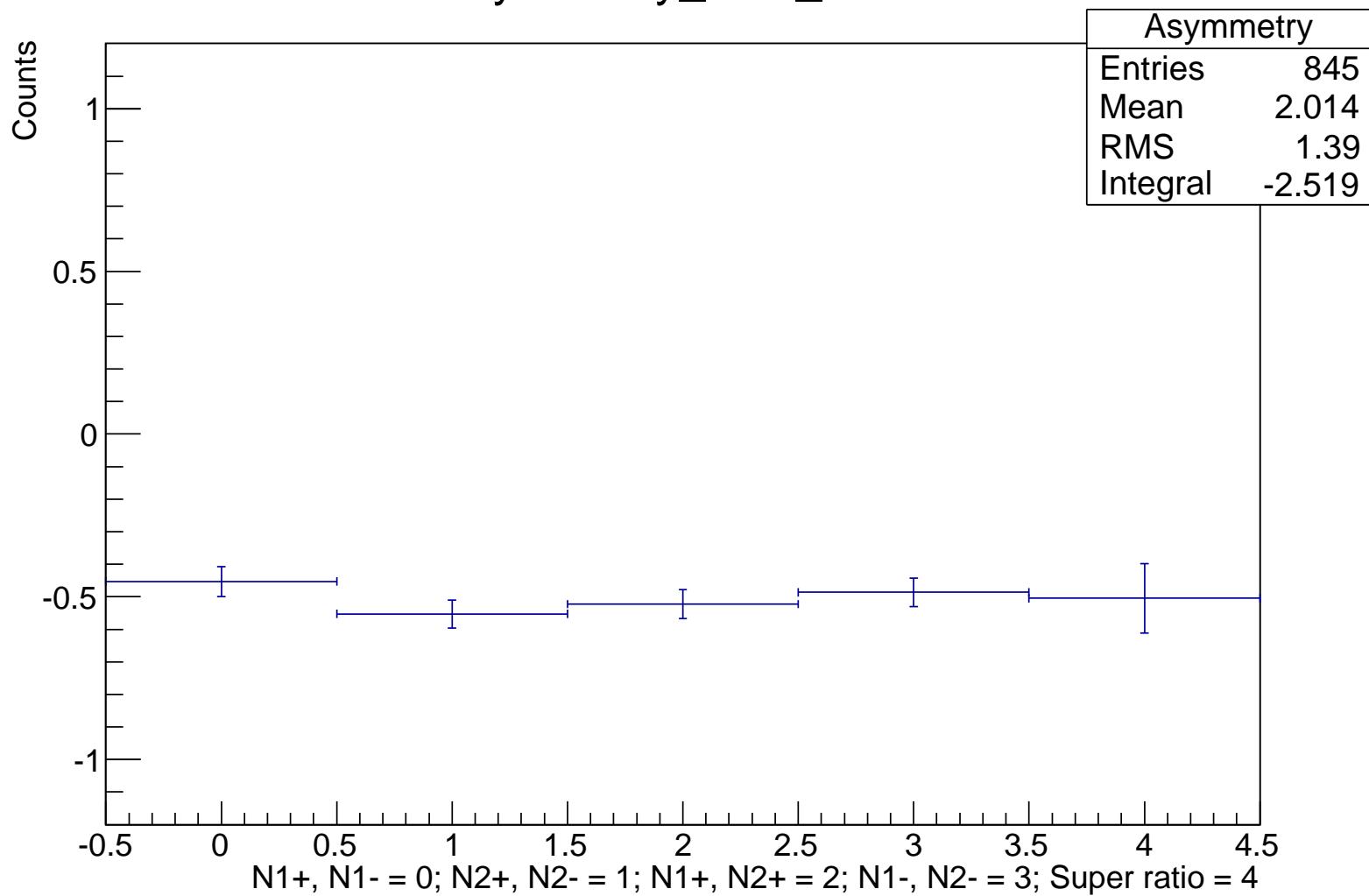


- Position sensitivity on all beta and recoil detectors
- Larger beta and recoil detectors will improve statistics
- AC MOT will speed up switching from MOT cycle to OP cycle
- Improvement of a weak magnetic field during OP will improve polarization
- Coincidences with shake off electron MCP will reduce background for competitive measurements of beta asymmetry

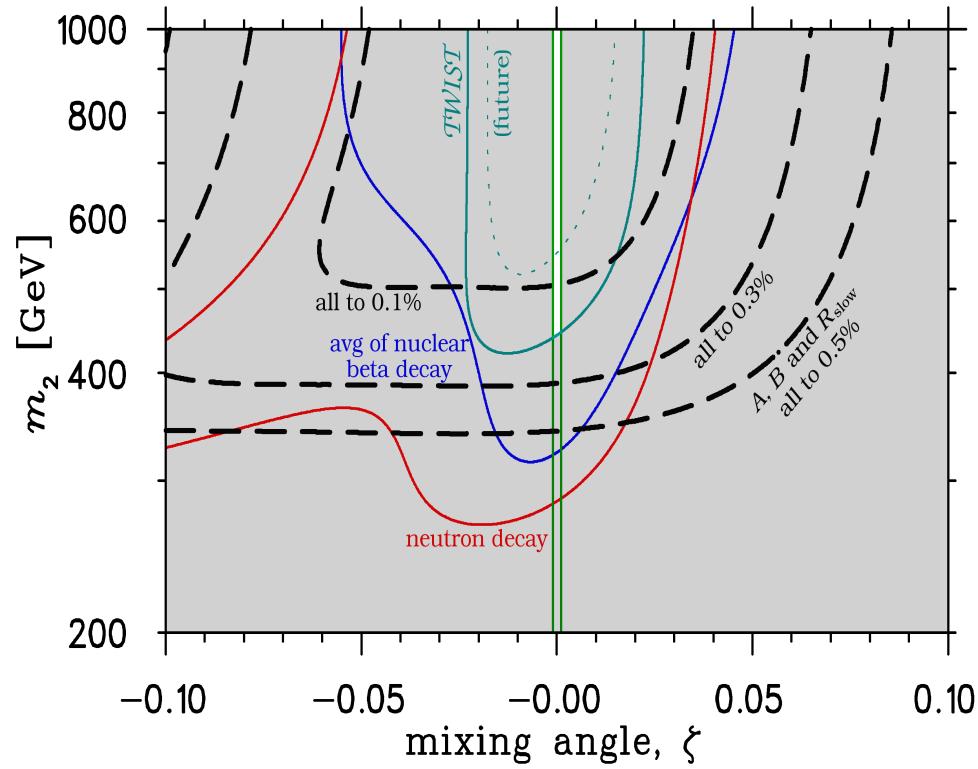


JUST MEASURED

Asymmetry_Run_0782



Limits on Right-Handed Currents



Tensor Interaction

The angular distribution of recoiling daughter nuclei
of polarized β emitters, S.B. Treiman PR 110, 448 (1957):

$$W(\theta_r)d(\cos\theta_r) = \{1 + \frac{1}{3}c'\chi_2 - P(A_\beta + B_\nu)\chi_1 \cos\theta_r - c'\chi_2 \cos^2\theta_r\}d(\cos\theta_r)$$

χ_1, χ_2 kinematical functions, $c' = c \frac{J(J+1)-3\langle(\vec{J}\cdot\vec{j})^2\rangle}{J(2J-1)}$.

For pure GT transitions and no Tensor Interaction: $A_\beta + B_\nu = 0$

$$5/8(A_\beta + B_\nu) = 2C_T C'_T + \frac{m_\beta}{E_\beta}(C_T - C'_T)$$

And can be deduced from Asymmetry measurements:

$$A_{\text{spin}} = \frac{W[\theta, P] - W[\theta, -P]}{W[\theta, P] + W[\theta, -P]} = \frac{\chi_1 P(A_\beta + B_\nu) \cos\theta}{1 + c'\chi_2 + c'\chi_2 \cos^2\theta}$$

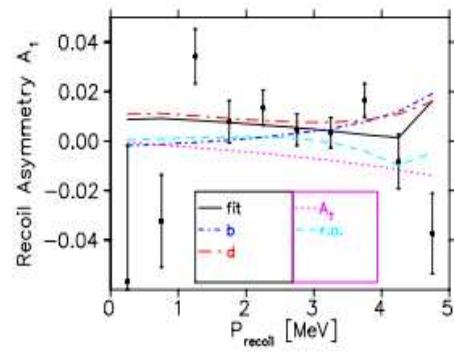
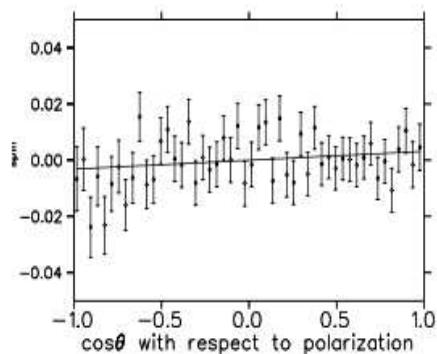
Insensitive to Right-Handed currents; constrains Tensor Interaction

Using recoil momentum information enhances the sensitivity and allows separation of SM recoil-order corrections

(O. Aviv, MSc. Thesis, Tel Aviv University (2004)):

$$A_{\text{spin}}(P_R) = \frac{(f_4(A_\beta + B_\nu) - f_7 b) P \cos \theta}{f_1 - f_6 b - f_2(a_{\beta\nu} + c'/3) + c'(f_3 + f_5 \cos^2 \theta)}$$

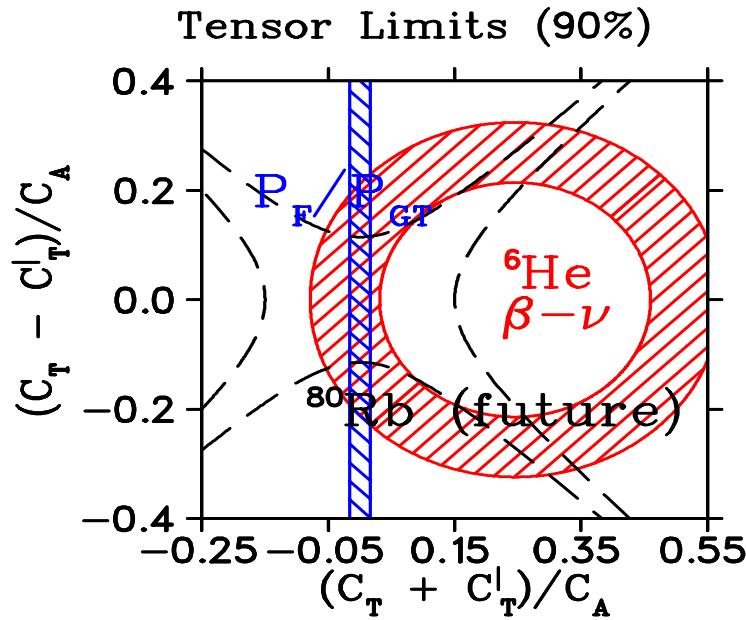
$f_i(P_R)$: Calculated functions of recoil momentum



Use polarized ^{80}Rb , $1^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ pure GT transition. P_{Recoil} from TOF to Shakeoff e^- MCP

$(A_\beta + B_\nu) = 0.015 \pm 0.029$ arXiv: 0811.0052 [nucl-ex],

J.R.A. Pitcairn *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C79, 015501 (2009)



Experimental precision better by an order of magnitude, BUT:

Constraints on Tensor Interaction dominated by theoretical uncertainties in Recoil-Order corrections

SUMMARY

- Studies of β decay of trapped radioactive nuclei provide constraints on the Standard Model
- Next generation experiments will provide tighter constraints, complementary to measurements with HE accelerators

$$\begin{aligned}
\xi &= |M_F|^2(|C_S|^2 + |C_V|^2 + |C'_S|^2 + |C'_V|^2) + |M_{GT}|^2(|C_T|^2 + |C_A|^2 + |C'_T|^2 + |C'_A|^2) \\
a_{\beta\nu}\xi &= |M_F|^2(-|C_S|^2 + |C_V|^2 - |C'_S|^2 + |C'_V|^2) + \frac{|M_{GT}|^2}{3}(|C_T|^2 - |C_A|^2 + |C'_T|^2 - |C'_A|^2) \\
b\xi &= \pm 2\text{Re}[|M_F|^2(C_S C_V^* + C'_S C'^*_V) + |M_{GT}|^2(C_T C_A^* + C'_T C'^*_A)] \\
c\xi &= |M_{GT}|^2 \Lambda_{J'J}(|C_T|^2 - |C_A|^2 + |C'_T|^2 - |C'_A|^2) \\
A_\beta\xi &= 2\text{Re}[\pm |M_{GT}|^2 \lambda_{J'J}(C_T C'^*_T - C_A C'^*_A) + \delta_{J'J} |M_{GT}| |M_F| \sqrt{J/(J+1)} (C_S C'^*_T \\
&\quad + C'_S C^*_T - C_V^* C'^*_A - C_V C'^*_A)] \\
B_\nu\xi &= 2\text{Re}\{|M_{GT}|^2 \lambda_{J'J} [\frac{m_e}{E_e} (C_T C'^*_A + C'_T C^*_A) \pm (C_T C'^*_T + C_A C'^*_A)] \\
&\quad - \delta_{J'J} |M_{GT}| |M_F| \sqrt{J/(J+1)} \times [(C_S C'^*_T + C'_S C^*_T + C_V C'^*_A + C'_V C^*_A) \\
&\quad \pm \frac{m}{E_e} (C_S C'^*_A + C'_S C^*_A + C_V C'^*_T + C'_V C^*_T)]\} \\
D\xi &= 2\text{Im}\{\delta_{JJ'} |M_F| |M_{GT}| \sqrt{\frac{J}{J+1}} (C_S C^*_T + C'_S C'^*_T - C_V C^*_A - C'_V C'^*_A)\}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda_{J'J} = \begin{cases} 1, & J \rightarrow J' = J-1 \\ \frac{1}{J+1}, & J \rightarrow J' = J \\ -\frac{J}{J+1}, & J \rightarrow J' = J+1 \end{cases}$$

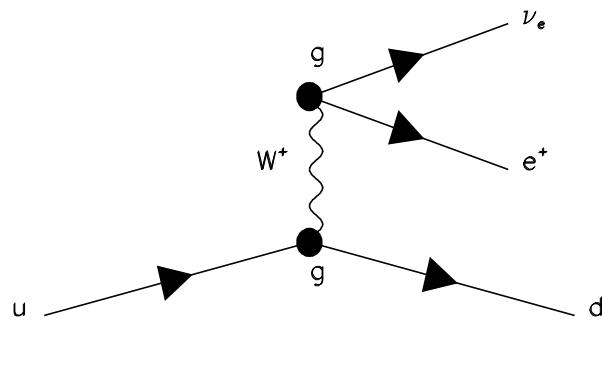
$$\Lambda_{J'J} = \begin{cases} 1, & J \rightarrow J' = J-1 \\ -\frac{2J-1}{J+1}, & J \rightarrow J' = J \\ \frac{J(2J-1)}{(2J+3)(J+1)}, & J \rightarrow J' = J+1 \end{cases}$$

C_i : Interaction Amplitudes (complex)

$$\begin{aligned}
C_V &= g_V(a_{LL} + a_{LR} + a_{RR} + a_{RL}) & C'_V &= g_V(a_{LL} + a_{LR} - a_{RR} - a_{RL}) \\
C_A &= g_A(a_{LL} - a_{LR} + a_{RR} - a_{RL}) & C'_A &= g_A(a_{LL} - a_{LR} - a_{RR} + a_{RL}) \\
C_S &= g_S(A_{LL} + A_{LR} + A_{RR} + A_{RL}) & C'_S &= g_S(A_{LL} + A_{LR} - A_{RR} - A_{RL}) \\
C_T &= 2g_T(\alpha_{LL} + \alpha_{RR}) & C'_T &= 2g_T(\alpha_{LL} - \alpha_{RR})
\end{aligned}$$

g_i : Hadronic Form Factors a_{ij} : Chirality coupling constants i : ν j : quark

Standard Model: V - A,
left handed



$$\begin{aligned}
g_V &= 1, \quad g_A = -1.27 \text{ (n decay)} \\
a_{LL} &= V_{ud} \frac{g^2}{8M_W^2} \cong 8 \cdot 10^{-6} GeV^{-2} \\
a_{ij}, A_{ij}, \alpha_{ij} &= 0 \quad i, j \neq L, L \\
a_{\beta\nu} &= \frac{y^2 - \frac{1}{3}}{y^2 + 1}, \quad y = \frac{C_V M_F}{C_A M_{GT}} \\
b &= 0 \\
c &= \frac{-\Lambda_{JJ'}}{1+y^2} \\
A_\beta &= \frac{\mp \lambda_{JJ'} - 2\delta_{JJ'} y \sqrt{J/(J+1)}}{y^2 + 1} \\
B_\nu &= \frac{\pm \lambda_{JJ'} - 2\delta_{JJ'} y \sqrt{J/(J+1)}}{y^2 + 1} \\
D &= 0
\end{aligned}$$

