

E1070

## Upgrade of $^{38\text{m}}\text{K}$ $\beta$ - $\nu$ correlation

Trap  $\rightarrow$   $\beta^+$ -recoil coincidence  $\Rightarrow$   $\nu$  momentum

Best general scalar Limits from  $\beta$ - $\nu$  correlation

Gorelov et al. PRL April 2005

The theory interpretation is clean,  
so we should do it better

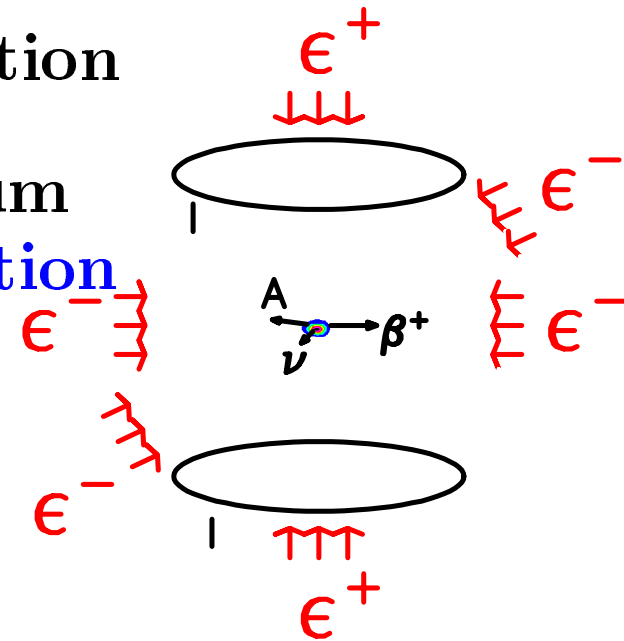
We propose a 3x better measurement of  $\tilde{a} = a / (1 + bm/E)$   
and independent determination of  $a$  and  $b$

Method I, II: Upgrade of present method with higher yields,  
trapping efficiencies, and detection efficiencies

Method III:

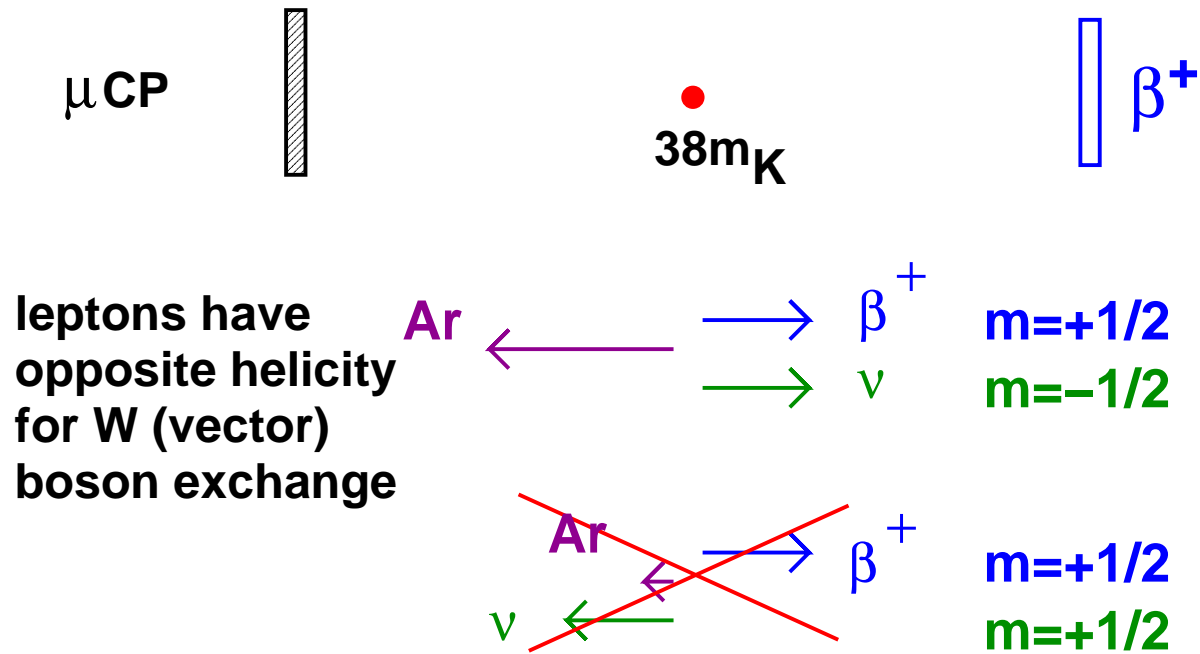
New Tool: recoil- atomic  $e^-$  coincidence

10-50 $\times$  statistics, different systematics, simpler analysis



# Vector and Scalar bosons and the $\beta$ - $\nu$ angular distribution

For  $^{38m}\text{K}$ ,  $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$  decay: (Just like  $\pi \rightarrow e\nu$ )



$$W[\theta_{\beta\nu}] = 1 + b \frac{m}{E} + a \frac{v_\beta}{c} \cos \theta_{\beta\nu} \Rightarrow a = +1$$

Corrections independent of nuclear structure to  $< 0.0002$ :  
 bremsstrahlung  $\approx 0.002$  (in M.C., F. Glück),  
 recoil order  $\approx 0.0003$

For scalar exchange, lepton helicities are same:  $a = -1$   
 Deviation  $\Rightarrow$  non-standard model scalar interaction

## Scalar Hamiltonian in ‘modern’ chirality notation

$$H_S = [(C_S + C'_S)\bar{e}(1 - \gamma_5)\nu_e^{(L)} + (C_S - C'_S)\bar{e}(1 + \gamma_5)\nu_e^{(R)}]\bar{u}d$$

$$W[\theta_{\beta\nu}] = 1 + bm_\beta/\langle E_\beta \rangle + a v/c \cos[\theta_{\beta\nu}]$$

$$a = \frac{|C_V|^2 + |C'_V|^2 - |C_S|^2 - |C'_S|^2 + \left(\frac{\alpha Z m}{p}\right) 2\text{Im}(C_S C_V^* + C'_S C_V'^*)}{|C_V|^2 + |C'_V|^2 + |C_S|^2 + |C'_S|^2}$$

Note the sensitivity to  $\text{Im}(C_S + C'_S)$

$$b = \frac{-2\sqrt{1 - \alpha^2 Z^2} \text{Re}(C_S C_V^* + C'_S C_V'^*)}{|C_V|^2 + |C'_V|^2 + |C_S|^2 + |C'_S|^2}$$

$$a \approx 1 - (|C_S|^2 + |C'_S|^2)$$

$$b \approx -\text{Re}(C_S + C'_S)$$

## Sources of Scalars: Are there any?

**Charged Higgs: Required in SUSY**

- 1st generation couplings unknown

⇒ most general limits on 1st generation couplings are from nuclear  $\beta$  decay

- Couplings in simplest MSSM:

like S.M. Higgs, couplings  $\propto$  masses: (Not so in less simple Higgs models (Langacker hep-ph/0503068))

(Herczeg, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 46/2 413 (2001), Haber et al. Nucl.Phys.B 161 493 (1979))

$$C_S + C'_S \approx 2g_s \frac{m_e m_d}{m_H^2} \tan^2 \beta \leq 5 \times 10^{-6}$$

for  $\tan \beta \leq 65$  and  $m_H \geq 69$  GeV neglects squark family mixing

- R-parity violating sleptons

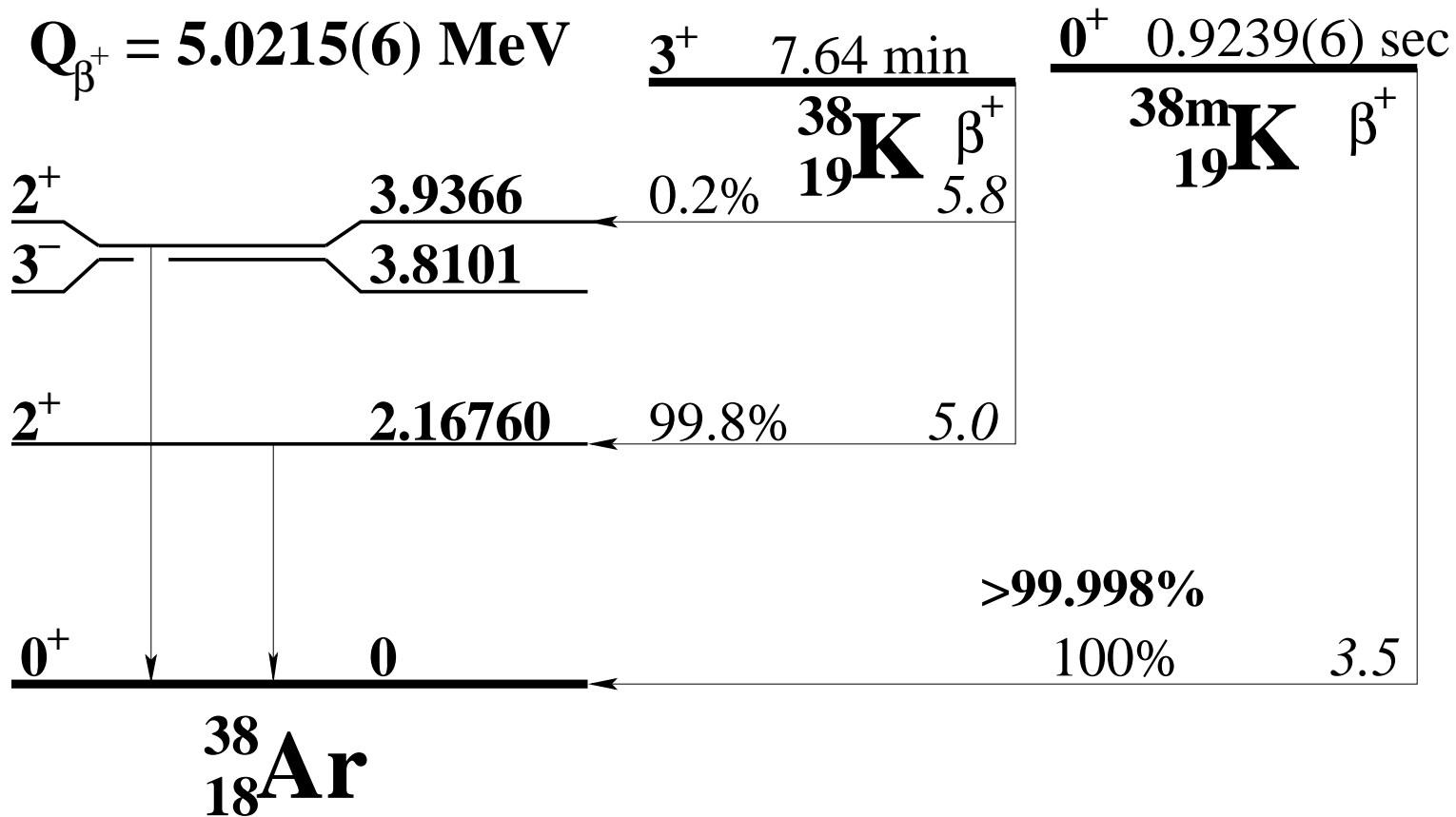
constrained by  $\pi \rightarrow e\nu$ ,  $C_S + C'_S$  can be  $\sim -2 \times 10^{-3}$

- B. Campbell et al. NPB 709 419 (2005) limits from  $\pi \rightarrow e\nu$

**Other searches:**

$^{32}\text{Ar}$  Garcia/Adelberger; WITCH  $^{35}\text{Ar}^+$  Leuven/ISOLDE;  $^{14}\text{O}^+$  ANL;

superallowed ft Q-value dependence

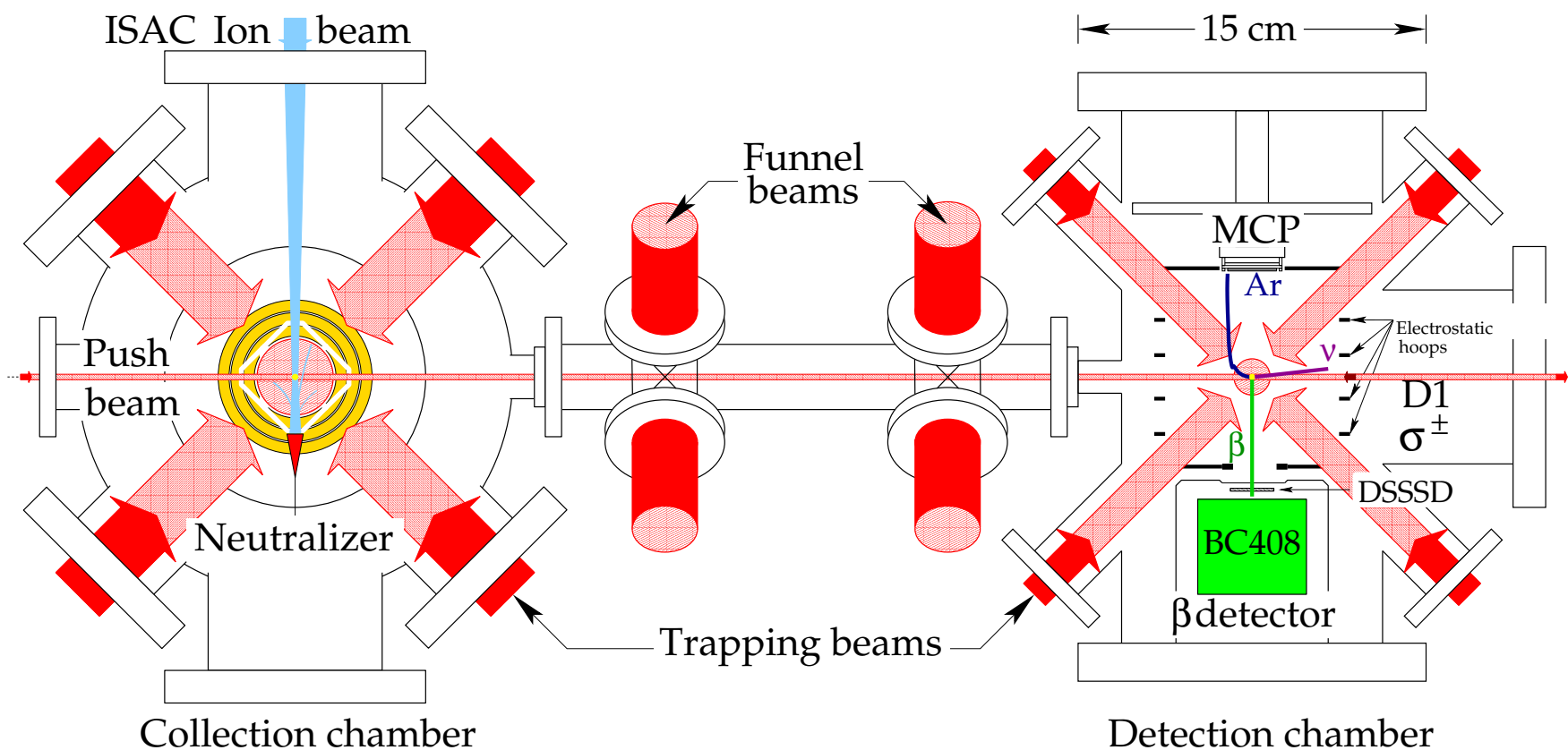


Excited-state branch known to be negligible

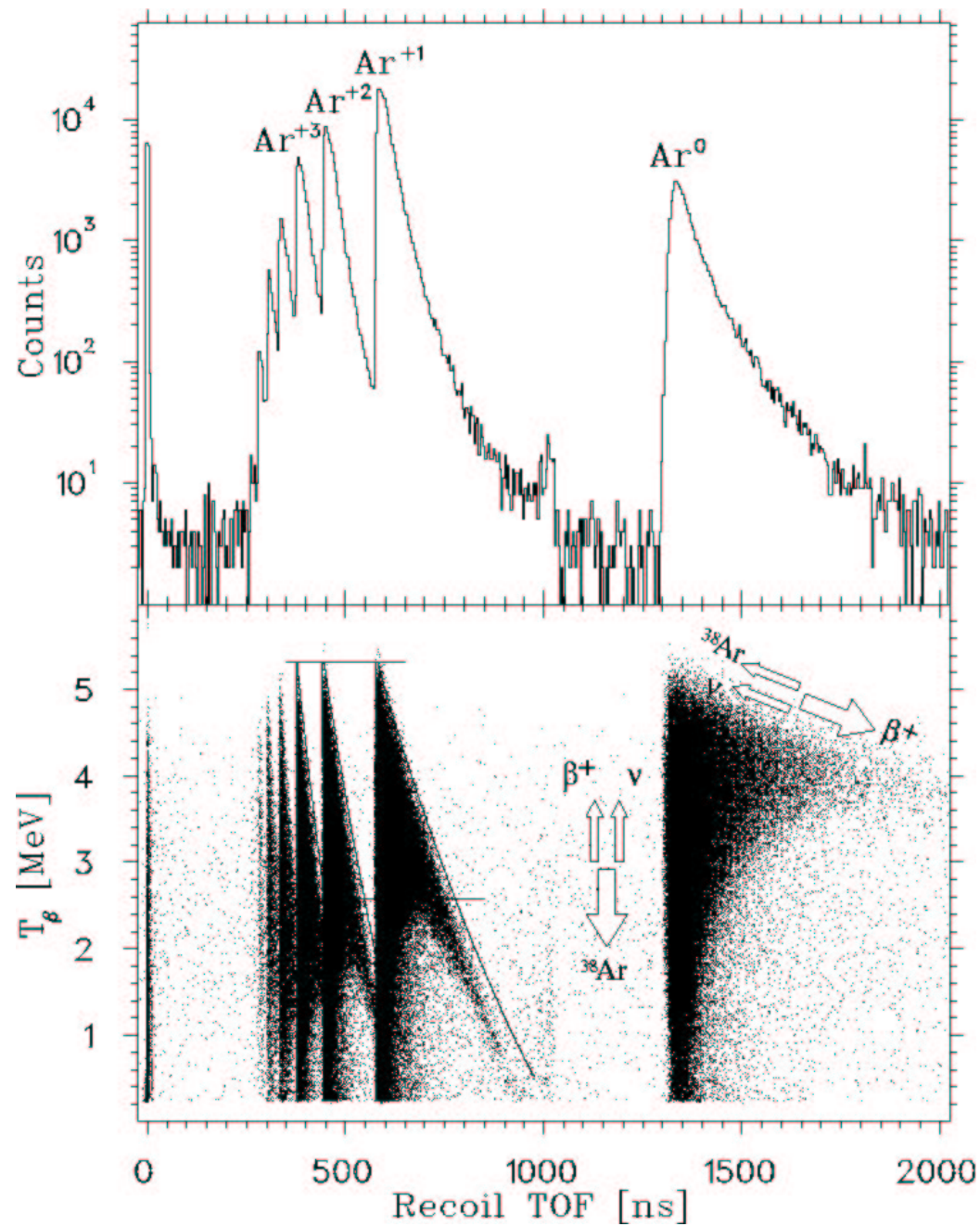
(Ground state makes a background in  $\beta$  singles:  
we can deal with this better)

# TRIUMF's Neutral Atom Trap

- Isotope/Isomer selective
- Evade 1000x untrapped atom background by  $\rightarrow$  2nd MOT
- 75% transfer (must avoid backgrounds!);  $10^{-3}$  capture
- 0.7 mm cloud for  $\beta$ -Ar<sup>+</sup>  $\rightarrow$   $\nu$  momentum  $\rightarrow$   $\beta$ - $\nu$  correlation

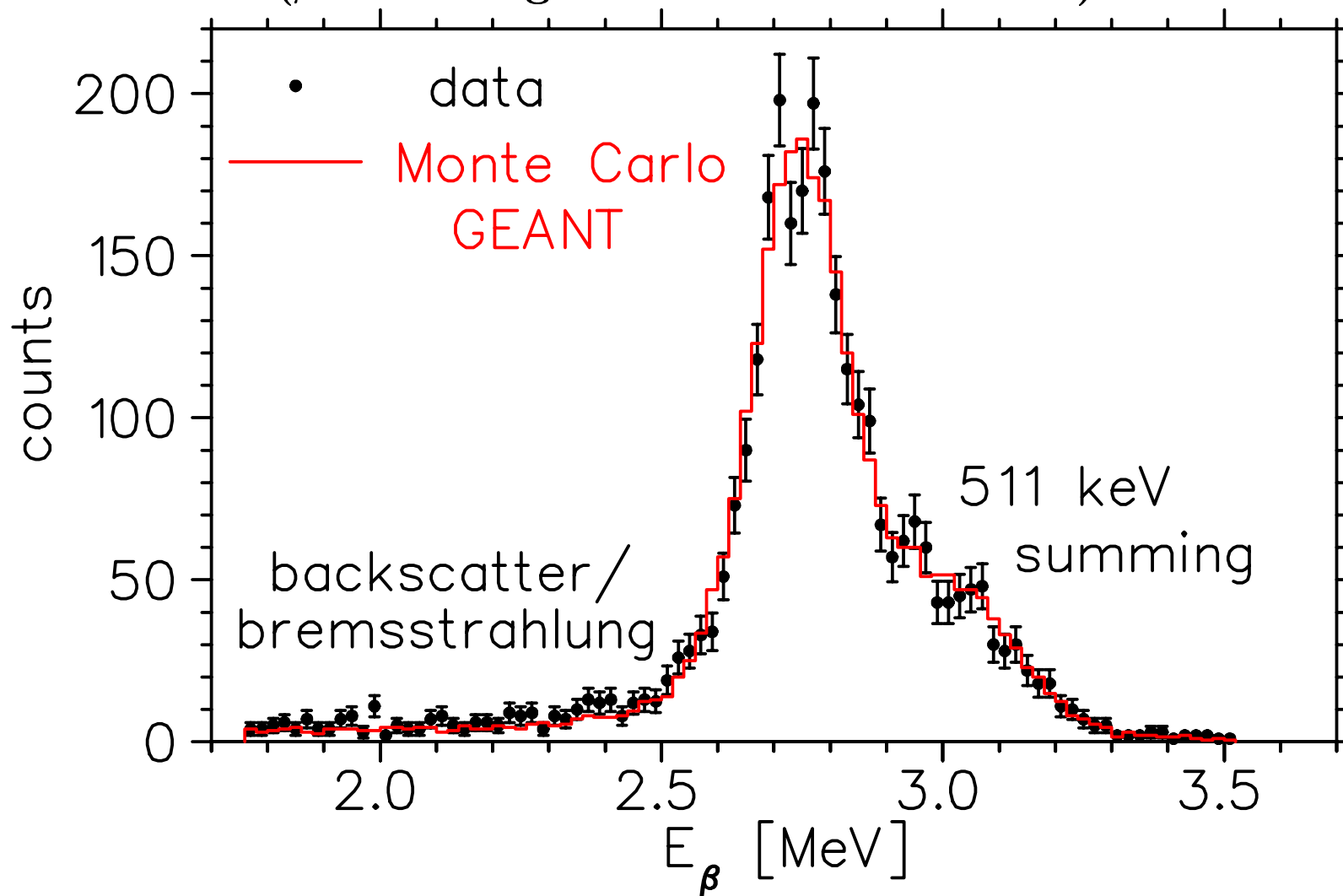


# Method I,II: $\beta$ -recoil coincidences Raw data



## In-situ calibrations

$E_\beta$  detector response for “monoenergetic”  $\beta$ 's from kinematics of other observables ( $\beta$ -recoil angle and recoil momentum)





Methods I and II agree:

I: recoil TOF[ $T_\beta$ ],

$T_\beta > 2.6$  MeV

C.L. of total fit is 52%

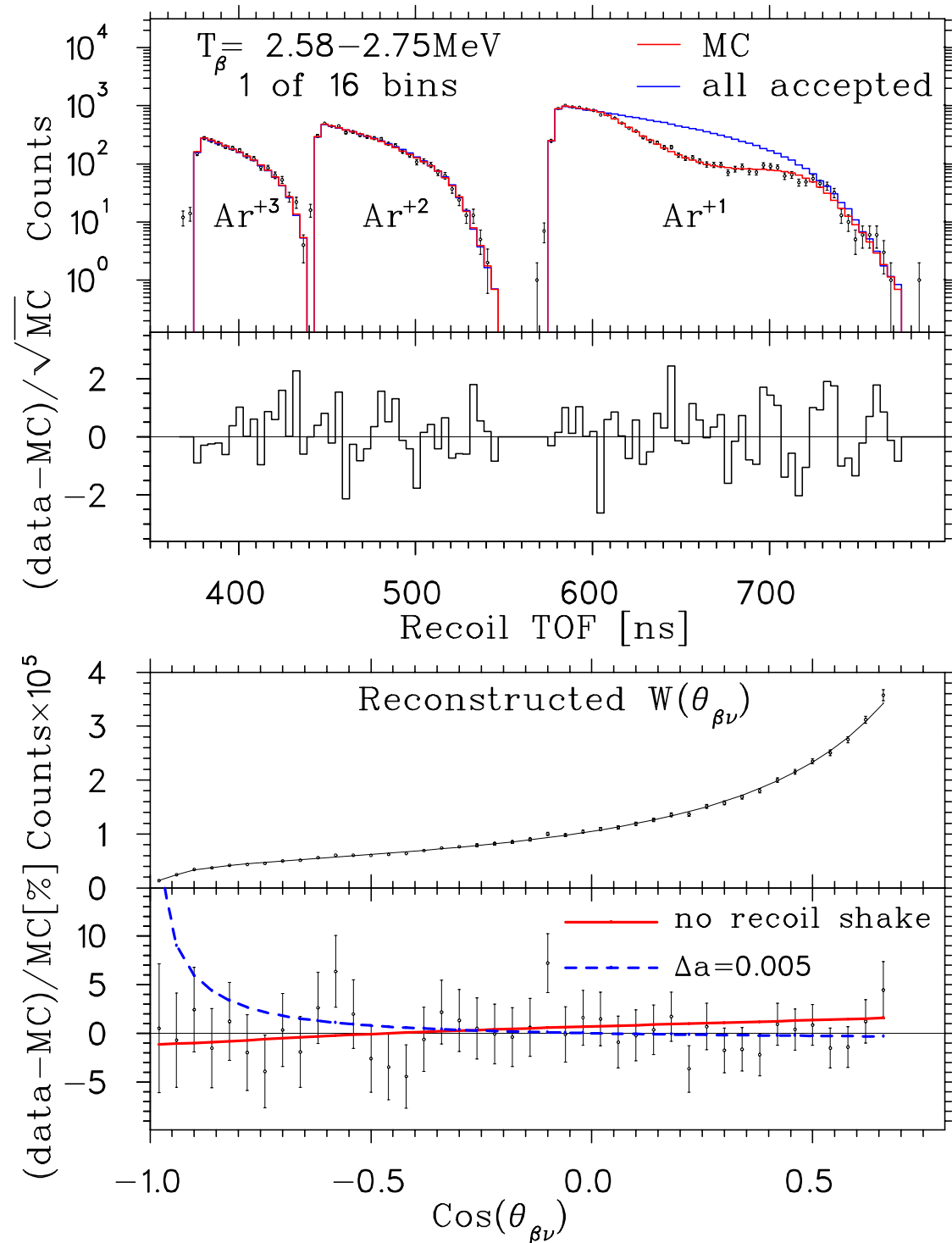
II: Angular distribution  
determined from other  
observables (except  $E_\beta$ ).

Can simultaneously fit  
 $E_{recoil}$ -dependent shakeoff

$\tilde{a} = 0.9981 \pm 0.0030(\text{stat})$   
 $\pm 0.0037(\text{syst})$

(Adelberger  $^{32}\text{Ar}$  PRL 1999)

$\tilde{a} = 0.9989 \pm 0.0052(\text{stat})$   
 $\pm 0.0039(\text{syst})$   
still being re-evaluated)

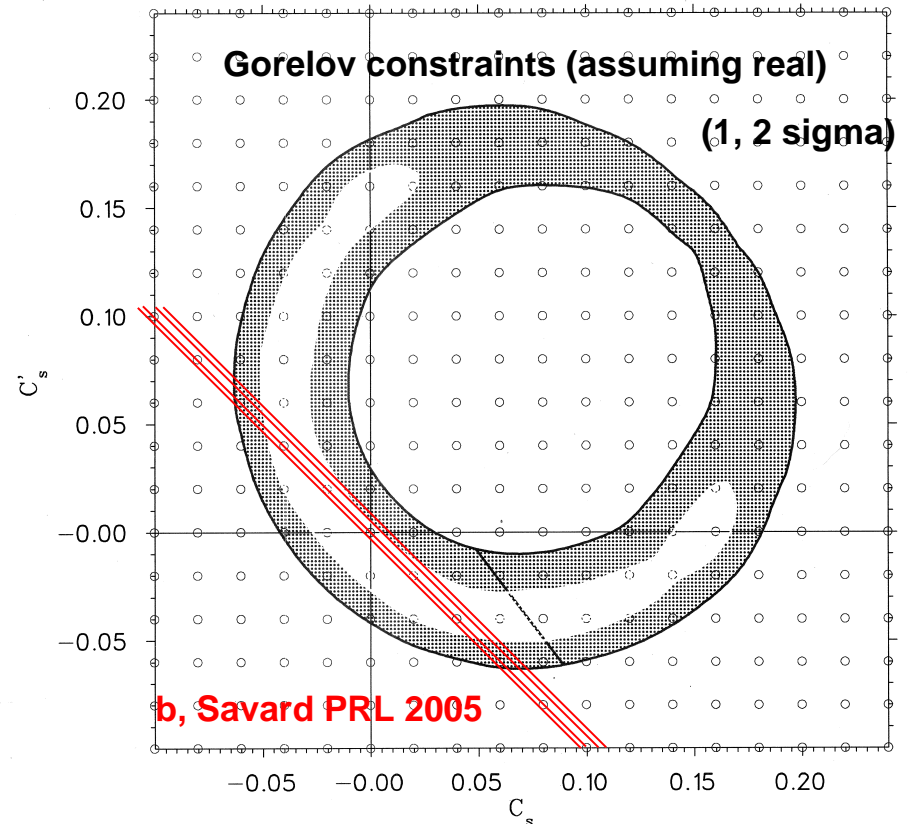
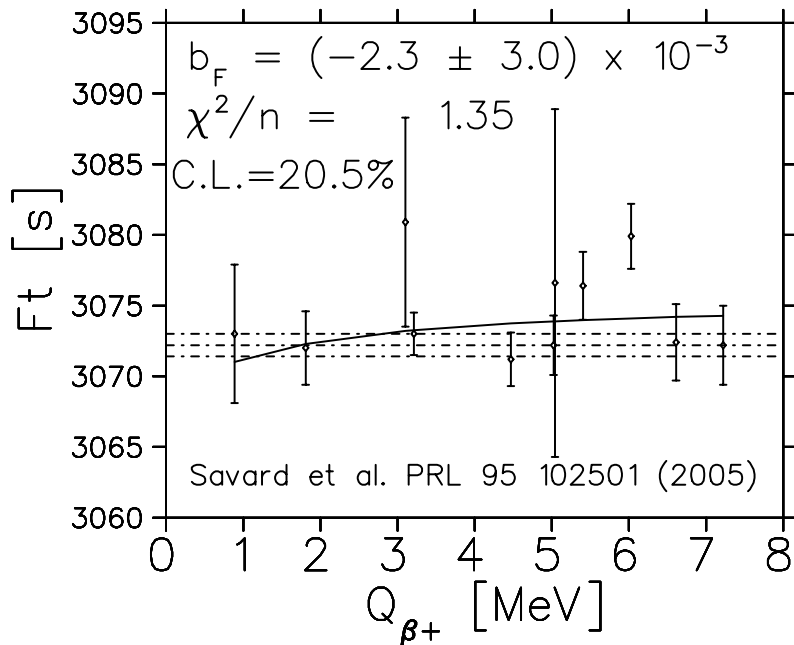


$^{38\text{m}}\text{K } \beta^+ - \nu$  Error Budget  $a=0.9981 \pm 0.0030$ (stat)

| Error                                  | PRL   | Future |   |
|--|-------|--------|---|
| $\vec{E}$ field/trap width :           | 0.17% | 0.04%  | Method I  |
| $E$ field nonuniformity                | 0.14% | 0.03%  | Planned Improvements:   |
| $\beta^+$ backscattering bkgd          | None  | None   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Larger MCP</li> <li>• <math>E_\beta</math> calibration from interwoven background-free <math>^{37}\text{K}</math></li> </ul> |
| $E_{\beta^+}$ Detector Response:       |       |        |   |
| Lineshape tail/total                   | 0.06% | 0.03%  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>1/\sqrt{5}</math> statistical error (conservative)</li> </ul>  |
| 511 keV Compton sum                    | 0.09% | 0.04%  | larger ISAC yields  |
| Calibration, nonlinearity              | 0.17% | 0.08%  | more laser power  |
| MCP Eff[ $E_{\text{Ar}^+}$ ]           | 0.07% | 0.03%  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent mask on MCP for position info test</li> </ul>  |
| MCP Eff[ $\theta$ ]/XY position        | 0.08% | 0.04%  |   |
| $e^-$ shakeoff [ $E_{\text{recoil}}$ ] | 0.18% | 0.08%  |   |
| <hr/>                                  |       |        |   |
| Sum systematics                        | 0.37% | 0.14%  |   |
| Total error                            | 0.48% | 0.19%  |   |

- Most systematic errors determined by statistics-limited data evaluation.
- Further improvements possible: use all kinematic information.

# Constraints on scalars from 'Fierz interference term'

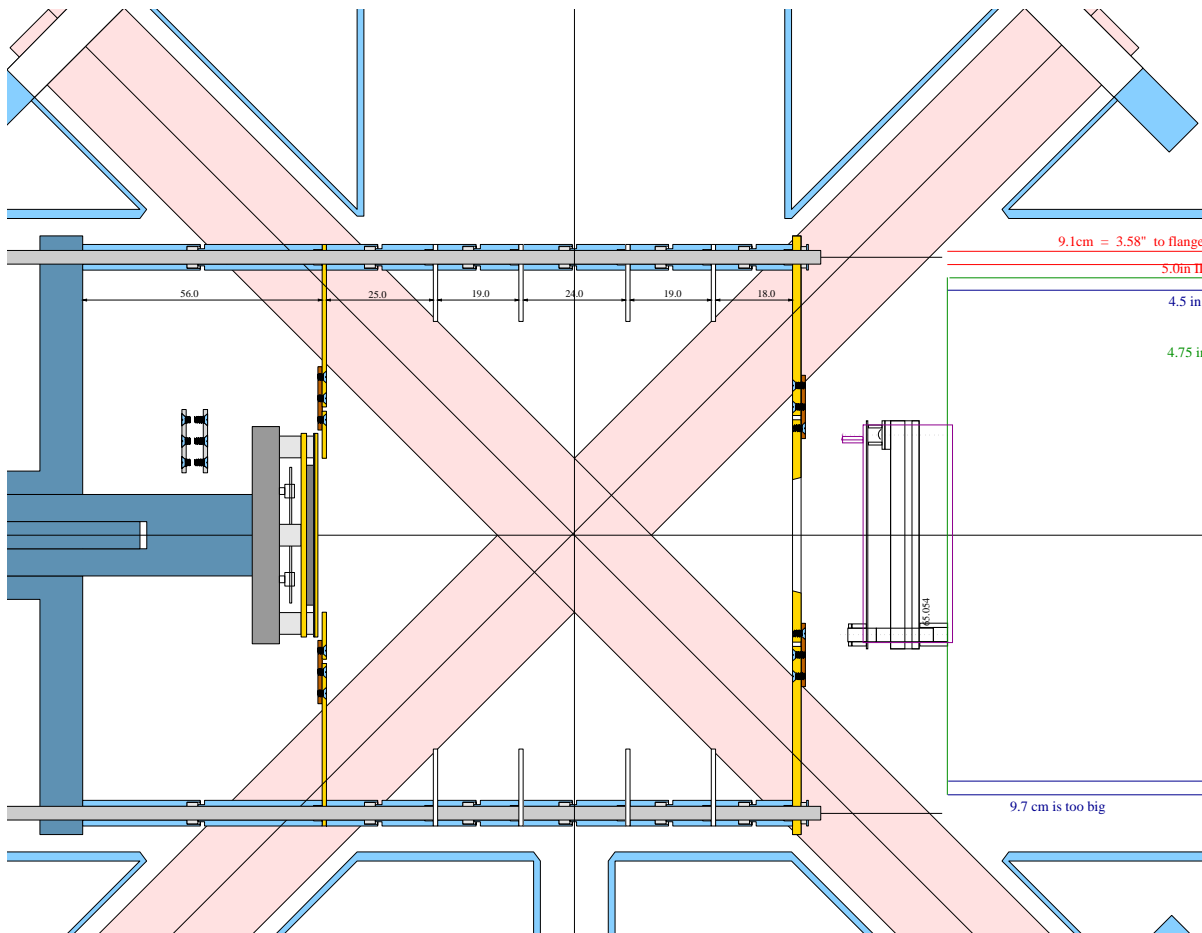


$b_f = -\text{Re}(C_S + C'_S)$ , scalars that couple to left-handed  $\nu$  only

$$W[\theta_{\beta\nu}] = 1 + b_F m_\beta / \langle E_\beta \rangle + a v/c \cos[\theta_{\beta\nu}] \quad a \approx 1 - |C_S|^2 + |C'_S|^2$$

- TRINAT present statistical error is 4x bigger
- Would improve systematics by using kinematic info for  $E_\beta$  at  $E_\beta < Q/2$
- Would achieve similar accuracy within one  $\beta$ - $\nu$  experiment
- Goal: a window left open by  $\pi \rightarrow e\nu$  for sleptons at  $2 \times 10^{-3}$   
 [Herczeg Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 46/2 413 (2001)]

## Method III: New: Geometry with $e^-$ detector



For E1070:

- High-statistics
- free of  $\beta$  bias
- expect collection for all  $e^-$ 's  $< 100$  eV

Also with higher statistics:

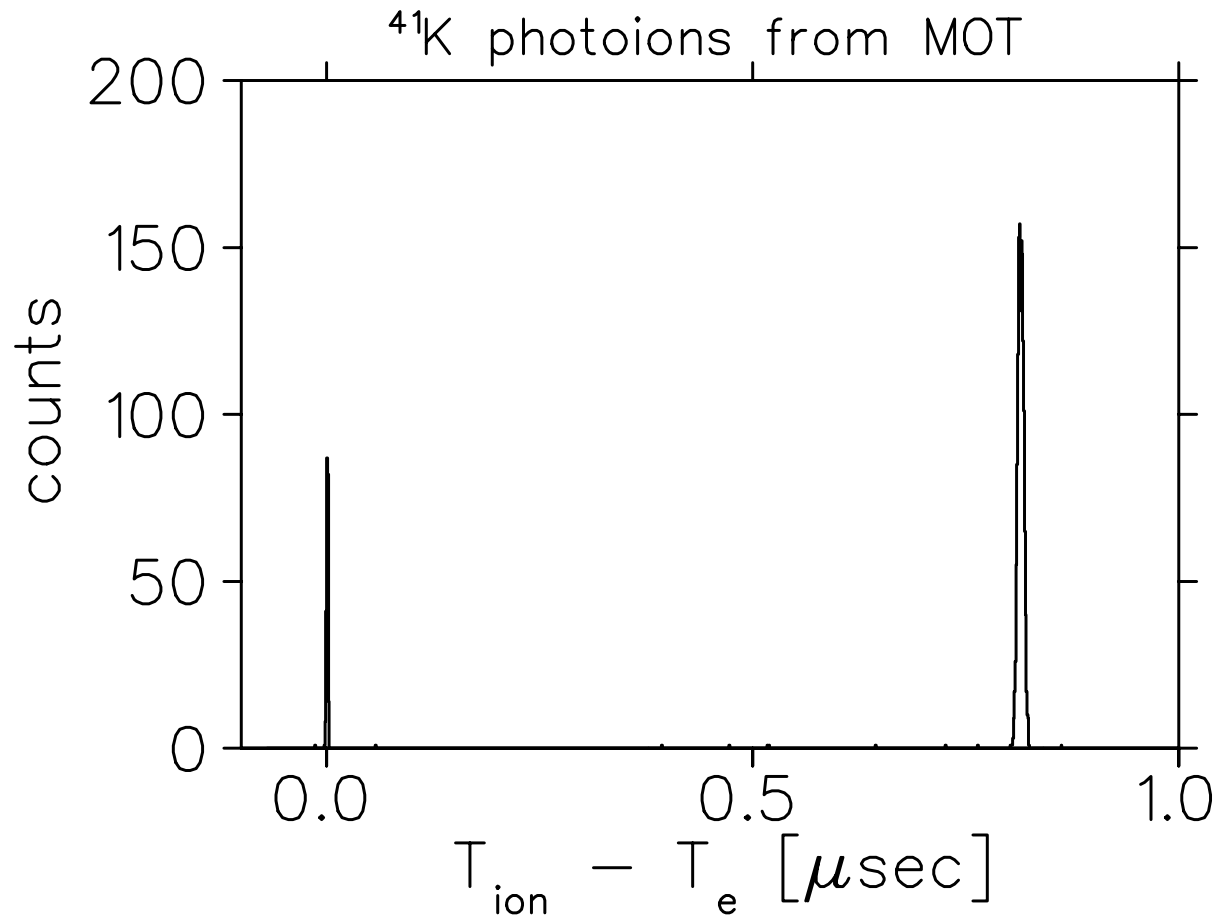
$^{80}\text{Rb}$  tensor search by recoil singles: starts 16:00 today

$^{37}\text{K}$   $A_{recoil}$  gives Fermi/GT interference, right-handed currents;  $A_{\beta}$

$^{36}\text{K}$  isospin mixing becomes practical:  $A_{recoil}$ ,  $A_{\beta}$

$^{74}\text{Rb}$  Q-value

**$e^-$  detector is working**

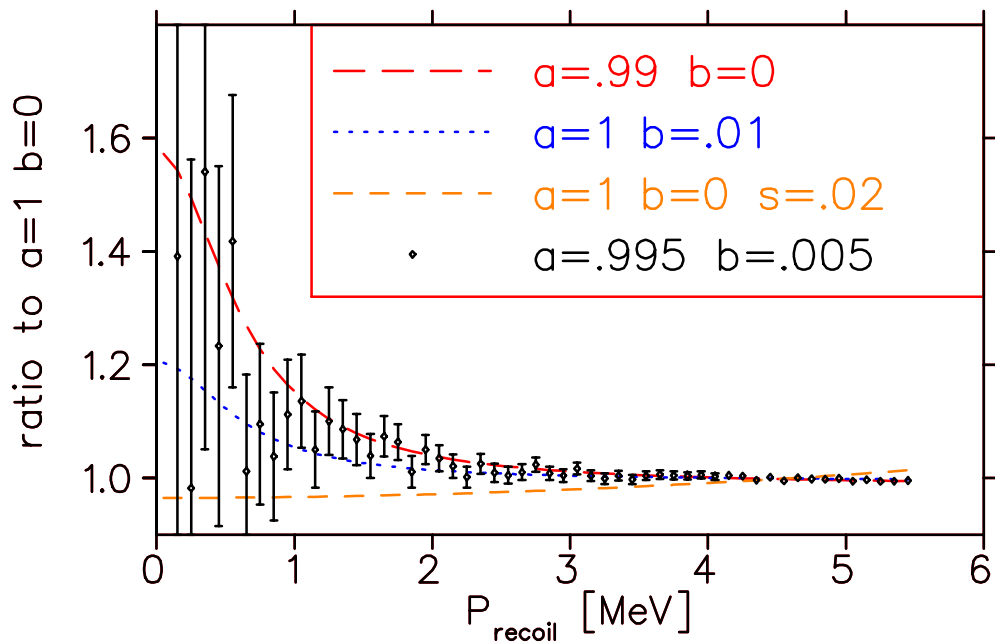
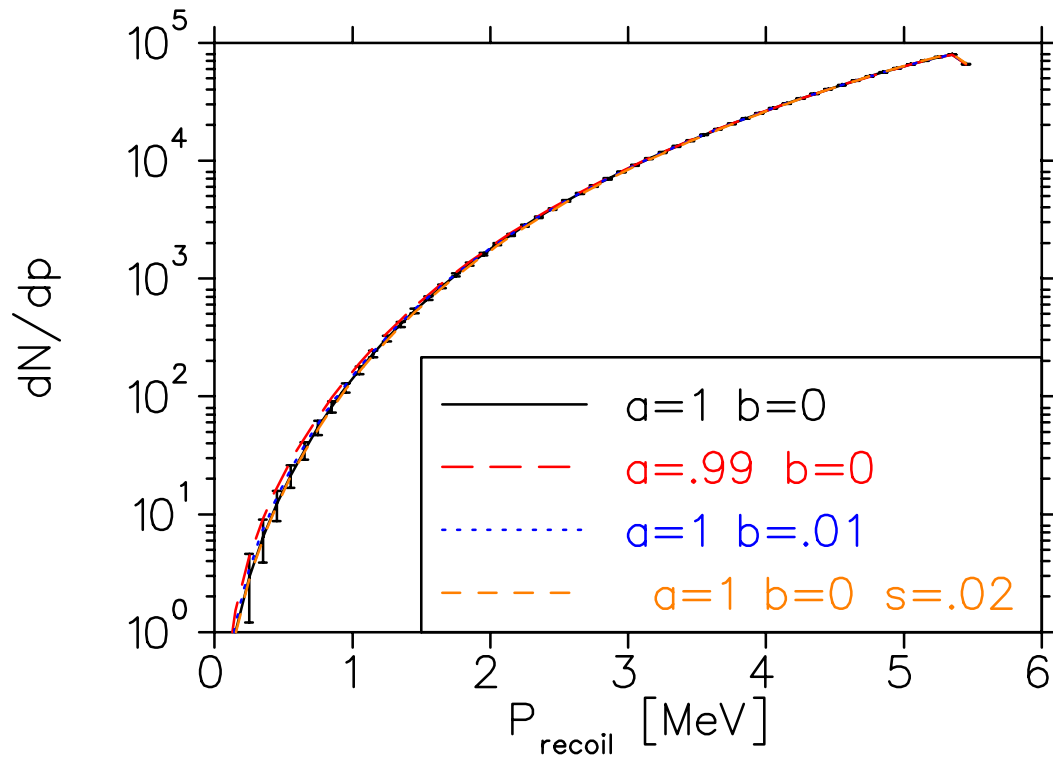


- Efficiency  $\approx 47\%$  for 1 eV photo-electrons
- Background  $\sim 10\text{-}20$  Hz. (Expected 100 KHz.)

Other practical uses:

Energy spectrum of atomic  $e^-$ 's (do they perturb recoils?)

Photoionization makes an  $e^-$  tag to measure ion MCP efficiency as a function of impact energy



## SIMULATION

Recoil momentum spectrum  
Sensitive to  $a$  ( $a, b$  highly correlated)

Can extract momentum dependence of shakeoff separately

From  $10^6$  events  $\sigma_a = 0.001$   
(3 hours)

Superaligned Q-dependence of  $b$  error 0.003: 1 shift

0.001 (sleptons) in 10 shifts

● In reality will run under many conditions like other precision experiments

## Upgrade of $^{38m}\text{K}$ $\beta$ - $\nu$ correlation

| <u>Name</u>    | <u>Institution</u> | <u>Status</u>               | <u>Time</u> |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| C. Höhr        | TRIUMF             | Postdoc Research Associate  | 100%        |
| New. Student   | UBC                | Student                     | 100%        |
| or R. Pitcairn | UBC                | M.Sc. Student→Ph.D.         | or 100%     |
| or D. Roberge  | UBC                | M.Sc. Student→Ph.D.         | or 100%     |
| J. Behr        | TRIUMF             | Research Scientist          | 100%        |
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| K.P. Jackson   | TRIUMF             | Emeritus Research Scientist | 30%         |
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| M. Dombisky    | TRIUMF             | Research Scientist          | 5%          |
| F. Glück       | Budapest           | Theorist                    | theory      |
| D. Melconian   | U. Washington      | postdoc                     | 5%          |

| 2005  | 2006 | 2007                | 2008                    | 2009     | 2010                        | 2011 | 2012                    | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|---|------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|------|-------------------------|------|------|------|
| Fr SUNY SB  |      |                     |                         |          |                             |      |                         |      |      |      |
| M1 Rb Manitoba  |      |                     |                         |          |                             |      |                         |      |      |      |
| anapole prep<br>U. Maryland                                 |      |                     |                         |          |                             |      |                         |      |      |      |
|   |      |                     | actinide target at ISAC |          |                             |      |                         |      |      |      |
|   |      |                     | Fr hyp ano              |          |                             |      |                         |      |      |      |
|   |      |                     | Fr M1                   |          | Fr Atomic PNC               |      | Fr APNC isotopic ratios |      |      |      |
|   |      |                     | Fr anapole              |          | Fr anapoles, isotopic chain |      |                         |      |      |      |
| -----<br><b>Fr Electric Dipole Moment Fountain</b><br>----- |      |                     |                         |          |                             |      |                         |      |      |      |
|   |      | upgrade 38mK scalar |                         | 36K i.m. |                             |      |                         |      |      |      |
| tensor 80Rb   |      | 37K right-handed    |                         |          |                             |      |                         |      |      |      |
|   |      | 37K D time reverse  |                         |          |                             |      |                         |      |      |      |
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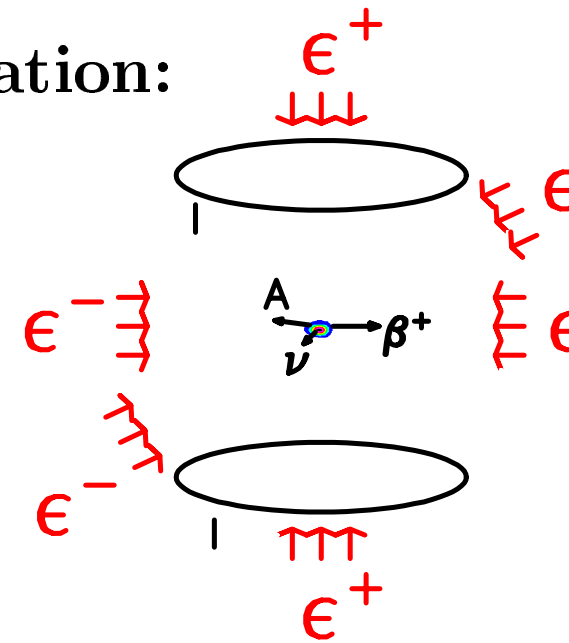
Summary: E1070 Upgrade  $^{38\text{m}}\text{K}$   $\beta$ - $\nu$  correlation:

Pioneered Capabilities:

$\beta^+$ -recoil coincidence  $\Rightarrow \nu$  momentum

We have the best general scalar limits from  $\beta$ - $\nu$  correlation in  $^{38\text{m}}\text{K}$

$$\tilde{a} = 0.9981 \pm 0.0030 \pm 0.0037$$



The limits on scalar interactions are model-independent (TRV, chirality) and

free of nuclear structure-dependent corrections to  $\approx 0.0002$

- Proposed: Improve accuracy by factor of 3  
Separate a, b

Compete with  $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$  on Fierz term

- Shift request:

Method I, II: improvements of present  $\beta$ -recoil coincidence method: 30 shifts

Method III: atomic  $e^-$ -recoil TOF method: 20 shifts