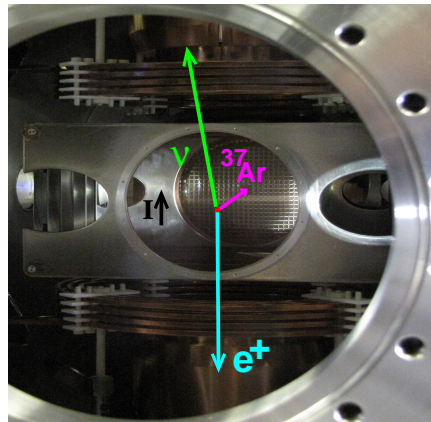


τ with TRIUMF's Neutral Atom Trap for β decay

- $\vec{p}_\nu \cdot \vec{p}_\beta \times \vec{p}_\gamma$ in 37 or ^{38}mK $\beta\nu\gamma$ decay
Low-E, Weakly coupled strongly interacting τ
- $D \hat{I} \cdot \frac{\vec{p}_\beta}{E_\beta} \times \frac{\vec{p}_\nu}{E_\beta}$ in isospin-hindered $^{45,47}\text{K}$ decay
Parity even, isospin-breaking τ in final nucleus
- Technical: optical pumping of ^{37}K
 $99.1 \pm 0.01\%$ + Thin mirrors, improved σ^+ ...
- ~~$A_\beta, A_{\text{recoil}}$ in ^{37}K decay~~



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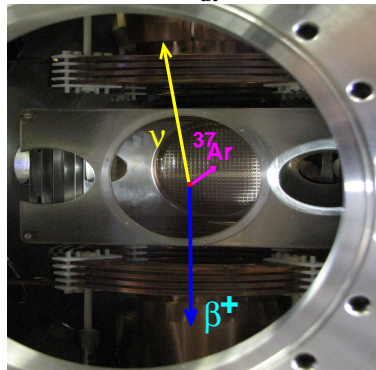
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3-momentum \mathcal{T} correlation: Our example

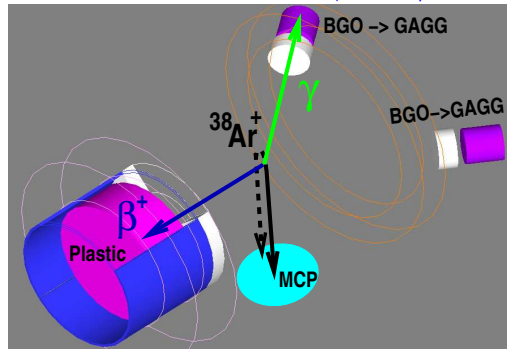
When $t \rightarrow -t$:

$$\vec{r} \rightarrow \vec{r} \quad \vec{p} \sim \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \rightarrow -\vec{p}$$



$$\vec{p}_\nu \cdot \vec{p}_\beta \times \vec{p}_\gamma = -\vec{p}_{\text{recoil}} \cdot \vec{p}_\beta \times \vec{p}_\gamma$$

$$\xrightarrow{t \rightarrow -t} \vec{p}_{\text{recoil}} \cdot \vec{p}_\beta \times \vec{p}_\gamma$$



- We can test symmetry of apparatus with coincident pairs
- Not exact: outgoing particles interact \rightarrow 'final-state' fake \mathcal{T}



3-momentum γ correlations in 2nd, 3rd generations

- Medium and high-energy TRV 3-momentum correlations:

$K^- \rightarrow \pi^0 e^- \bar{\nu}_e \gamma$ INR Moscow 2007, $A_{TRV} = -0.015 \pm 0.021$

Three progressively better calculations of the final-state effects were done (Khriplovich+Rudenko 1012.0147 Phys Atomic Nuclei 2011)

- 3-momentum correlations (no γ) at LHCb and BABAR, 0 ± 0.003 (Martinelli arXiv 1411.4140)

- General formalism for triple product momentum asymmetries Bevan 1408.3813

γ in $\pi^\pm \rightarrow e^\pm \nu e^+ e^-$ Proposed but never done
[Flagg Phys Rev **178** 2387 (1969)]

Ours would be unique measurement in 1st generation of particles



Motivation \mathcal{T} in $\beta\nu\gamma$ decay

- Once P was found to be maximally broken, many spin-dependent T-odd observables were proposed and measured to

be $\lesssim 10^{-3}$ like

$$D\hat{\mathbf{I}} \cdot \frac{\vec{p}_\beta}{E_\beta} \times \frac{\vec{p}_\nu}{E_\beta} \quad R\vec{\sigma}_\beta \cdot \hat{\mathbf{I}} \times \frac{\vec{p}_\beta}{E_\beta}$$

- In contrast, our type of \mathcal{T} needs 3 independent momenta. E.g. proposed \mathcal{T} in $\pi^\pm \rightarrow e^\pm \nu e^+ e^-$ [Flagg Phys Rev 178 2387 (1969)] was never done:
- Our exp. would be unique to 1st generation of particles

Harvey Hill PRL 99 261601 (2007);

EFT with SM interactions combined in the nucleon: goal was extra γ production by medium-energy ν 's

QCD

Weak

E&M



$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{-4c_5}{m_{\text{nucleon}}^2} \frac{eG_F V_{ud}}{\sqrt{2}} \epsilon^{\sigma\mu\nu\rho} \bar{p}\gamma_\sigma n \bar{\psi}_e L\gamma_\mu \psi_\nu L F_{\nu\rho}$$

Gardner, He PRD 2013: looked for contributions to radiative n decay. Noticed **QCD antisymmetry** led to a **scalar triple product of momenta** 😊:

$$|\mathcal{M}_{c5}|^2 \propto \frac{\text{Im}(c_5 g_V)}{M^2} \frac{E_e}{p_e k} (\vec{p}_e \times \vec{k}_\gamma) \cdot \vec{p}_\nu$$

Needs non-SM QCD-like physics,
scale $M \sim 10$'s of MeV

Gardner further considered explicit models with new particles weakly coupled to SM, strongly interacting among themselves



Gardner's interaction needs Vector current $\Rightarrow \beta^+$ emitter

- β^- decays with vector current:
n, ^3H , (not easy)

'isospin-forbidden Fermi' amplitudes with $\log(ft) \sim 5 - 6$ (e.g. ^{35}S)

But isobaric analogs usually lie high in excitation for β^-

E.g. $^{24}\text{Na } 4^+ \rightarrow ^{24}\text{Mg } 4^+$, $\log(ft) = 6$ (famous for the analog transition from ^{24}Al), feeds 2 subsequent γ s so does not help.

$^{92}\text{Rb } 0^- \rightarrow 0^+$ is 'first-forbidden G-T' which does not have the vector current,

nor does first-forbidden unique $^{42}\text{K } 2^- \rightarrow 0^+$

Other first-forbidden can have vector current contributions times some other operator (^{93}Rb) but these have a lot of γ s

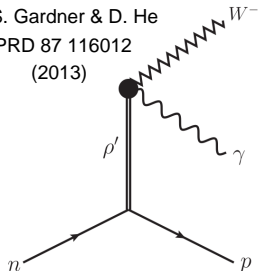
- The interference with SM term requires this vector current to produce the Gardner-He term.



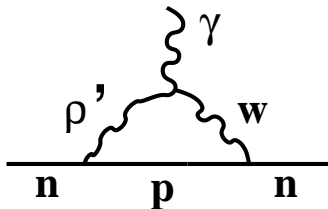
Though $\vec{p}_\nu \cdot \vec{p}_\beta \times \vec{p}_\gamma$ doesn't involve spin, EDM's indirectly constrain:
Some $TRV_{\gamma\beta\nu}$ make neutron EDM at

interactions, e.g. :

S. Gardner & D. He
PRD 87 116012
(2013)



“1-loop” order
(D. McKeen, private comm):



“Naive Dimensional Analysis”

$c_5 \frac{e^2 G_F M_W^3}{16\pi^2 m_{\rho'}^2}$ suggests nEDM larger than experiment by $\sim 10^8$.

→ $TRV_{\beta\nu\gamma}$ from such interactions likely too tiny to measure 😞

• Other interactions (e.g. leptoquarks) need “2 loops” so generate comparatively tiny nEDM so are less constrained, could generate $TRV_{\beta\nu\gamma}$ large enough to measure 😊

Other constraints

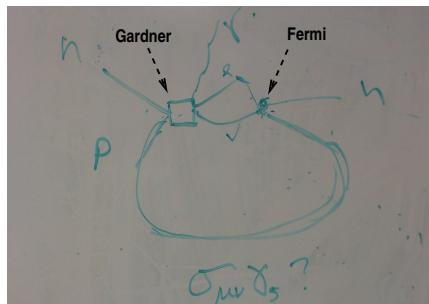
• Direct constraint from $n \rightarrow p \beta\nu\gamma$ branch $\propto |c_5|^2$

Bales PRL 2016: $3.4 \pm 0.2 \times 10^{-3}$ (theory 3.1×10^{-3})

$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Im}(c_5)}{M^2} \leq 8 \text{MeV}^{-2} \Rightarrow {}^{37}\text{K } TRV \text{ asym can be } \sim 1$ 😊

TRIUMF More general 2-loop: EDMs and γ radiative β decay

No spin involved, so again different physics at lowest order, but



Ng, Vos private comm.:

' $\text{Im}(c_5)$ ' interaction

+ s.m. β decay

→ n EDM at 2 loops

'Naive Dimensional Analysis':

$$d_n \sim \frac{\text{Im}(c_5) G_F e}{M^2} \frac{G_F m_n^5}{(16\pi^2)^2} \sim \frac{10^{-22} \text{e-cm}}{M^2} [\text{MeV}^{-2}]^{**}$$

$$d_n[\text{exp}] < 3 \times 10^{-26} \text{e-cm}$$

(Baker 2006 PRL)

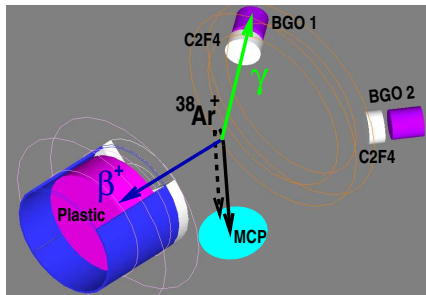
$$\text{null n EDM} \Rightarrow \frac{\text{Im}(c_5)}{M^2} < 3 \times 10^{-4} [\text{MeV}^{-2}] \rightarrow 10^{-3} \text{ asym}^{**}$$

We could still reach this sensitivity and measure this physics directly

[Some $\gamma\beta\nu$ interactions make at 1 loop a neutron EDM]

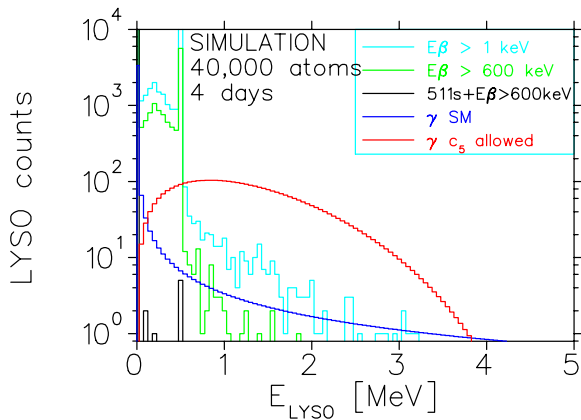
** Loop integral momenta must stay below EFT scale M , so if $M \sim 100 \text{MeV}$, using m_{nucleon}^5 likely overestimates by orders of magnitude

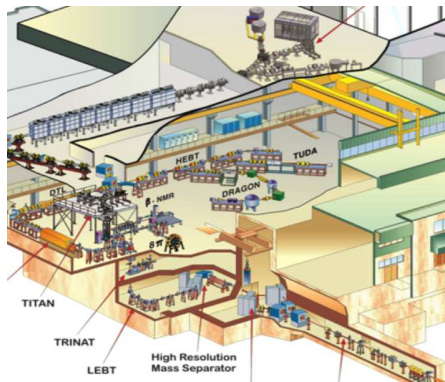
- Generic phase space for $\gamma\beta\nu\tau$**
- **Classical bremsstrahlung $\propto 1/E_\gamma$**
 - **Any time-reversal violating interaction involves β , ν and γ and produces a 4-body phase space $\propto E_\gamma(Q - E_\gamma)^3$ Bernard PLB 593 105 (2004)**



Sim suggests sensitivity to $\sim 5\%$ of classical bremsstrahlung rate

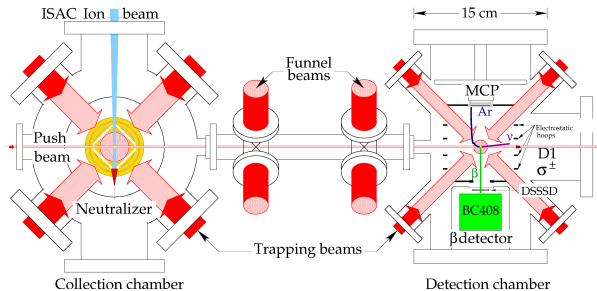
We are concentrating on $E_\gamma > 511$ keV and the 'opposite' β^+



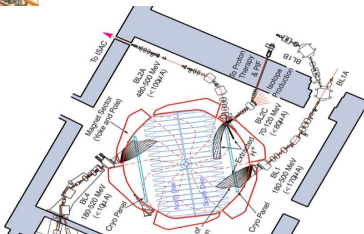


^{37}K TiC target $70\ \mu\text{A}$
 $8 \times 10^7/\text{s}$ 1750°C protons

main TRIUMF cyclotron
 'world's largest' 18 m
 500 MeV H^- (0.5 Tesla)



900°C Zr catcher release $0.5, 5 \times 10^{-4}$ Collection
0.75 Transfer efficiency $\rightarrow 10^4$ atoms ^{37}K

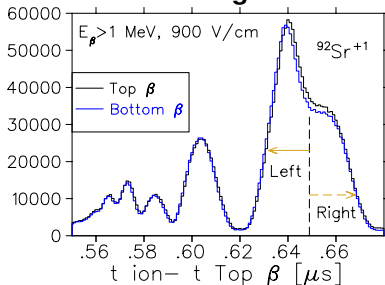




Test experiment in $^{92}\text{Rb } 0^- \rightarrow 0^+$ decay (no vector current) + $\text{BGO} \rightarrow \text{GAGG}$

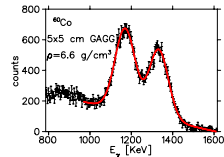
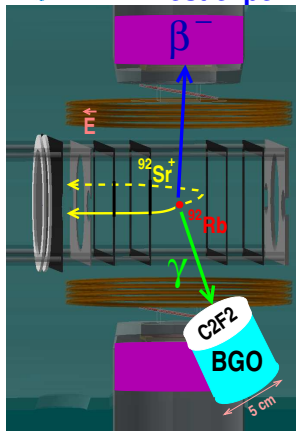
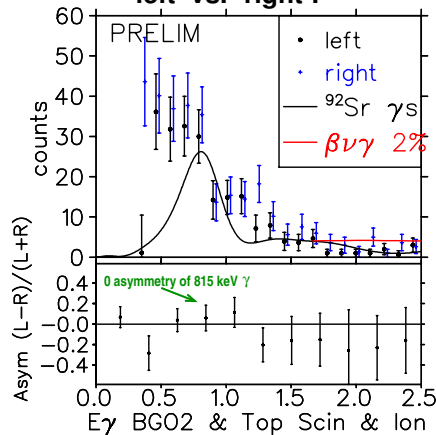
$$\beta^- \cap ^{92}\text{Sr}^+ \quad \beta^- \cap ^{92}\text{Sr}^+ \cap \gamma$$

'left' vs. 'right':



(other γ detector sees background from upstream)

'left' vs. 'right':



$\text{BGO} \rightarrow \text{GAGG} (\text{Ce:Gd}_3\text{Al}_2\text{Ga}_3\text{O}_{12})$

- better E_γ resolution and timing, $\rho = 6.6 \text{ g/cm}^3$
- Good photopeak efficiency (55% at 1 MeV)
- not radioactive like LYSO

Sensitivity to ~ 0.05 to 0.10 asymmetries of few percent branches

Constrains \mathcal{T} pseudoscalar? ($g_P = 350$ (Gonzalez-Alonso+Camalich PRL 2014))

TRIUMF τ in isospin-hindered $^{45}_{19}\text{K} \beta^-$ decay

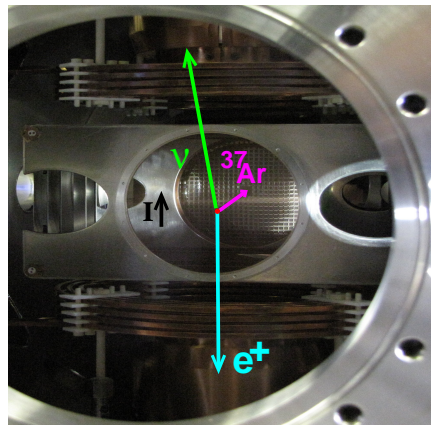
Enhancements to some sources of TRV for observables “ D ” and “ E_1 ”:

Barroso and Blin-Stoyle PLB 1973

One E_1 measurement: ^{56}Co Calaprice, Freedman 1977

This is pre-proposal. Our goal: find an enhanced D measurement case for

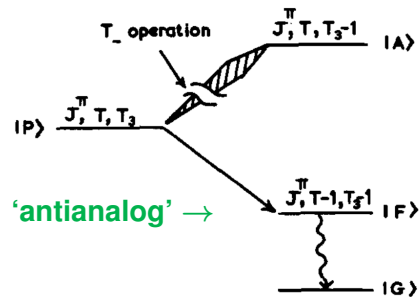
TRIUMF Neutral Atom Trap (TRINAT):





Enhancement of \mathcal{T} in isospin-hindered β^- decay

Barroso and Blin-Stoyle, PL 45B 178 (1973):



Observables:

$$D \hat{\mathbf{I}} \cdot \frac{\vec{p}_\beta}{E_\beta} \times \frac{\vec{p}_\nu}{E_\beta}$$

$$E_1 (\hat{\mathbf{I}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}}_\gamma)(\hat{\mathbf{I}} \cdot \vec{p}_\beta \times \hat{\mathbf{k}}_\gamma)$$

D, E_1 are both \propto

$$K = \frac{\text{Im}(G_V G_A^* M_V M_A^*)}{|G_V|^2 |M_V|^2 + |G_A|^2 |M_A|^2}$$

$$K = \frac{y}{(1+y^2)} \sin(\alpha_V - \alpha_A)$$

with $y = \frac{g_V |M_V|}{g_A |M_A|}$

In this system,

$$\tan \alpha_V = -i \frac{\langle F | V_{\mathcal{T}} | A \rangle}{\langle F | V_{\text{Coul}} | A \rangle}$$

So for TRV physics mixing

$|F\rangle$ with $|A\rangle$, then $V_{\mathcal{T}}$ is

only competing with V_{Coul} ,

not V_{strong} ,

enhancing α_V by $\sim 10^3$ ☺

M_A can't be too small

(want $y \approx 0.1$)

or α_A can cancel

Simplest I.M.: $M_V \sim \sqrt{2T} \frac{\langle F | V_{\text{Coul}} | A \rangle}{\Delta E_{FA}} \Rightarrow K \xrightarrow{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\langle F | V_{\mathcal{T}} | A \rangle}{\Delta E_{FA}} \frac{\sqrt{2T}}{M_A}$ independent of $\langle F | V_{\text{Coul}} | A \rangle$ ☹?

so we should choose good $\frac{y}{1+y^2}$ so α_V remains the figure of merit ☺



**Parity even, N-N isospin-breaking \mathcal{T} :
complementary to Parity odd EDM's or \mathcal{T} neutron resonance experiments?**

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PHYSIC

The following simple phenomenological form is assumed for the T -violating potential [e.g., 19]

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{\text{t.v.}} = & G_{\text{t.v.}} \frac{1}{2} [f(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{p} + \text{h.c.}] \\
 & \times [1 + a \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(1)} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(2)})(\tau_3^{(1)} + \tau_3^{(2)}) \\
 & + (b + c \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(1)} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(2)}) \tau_3^{(1)} \tau_3^{(2)}]
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{11}$$

• Other physics:
When GT is weak, 2nd-class induced semileptonic \mathcal{T} tensor $d_{//}$ can disproportionately interfere (Kim+Primakoff PR 180 1502 (1969); J. Mortara Ph.D. thesis 1992)

“Test of time-reversal invariance in the beta decay of ^{56}Co ”

Asymmetry of the 45° γ detectors with nuclear alignment

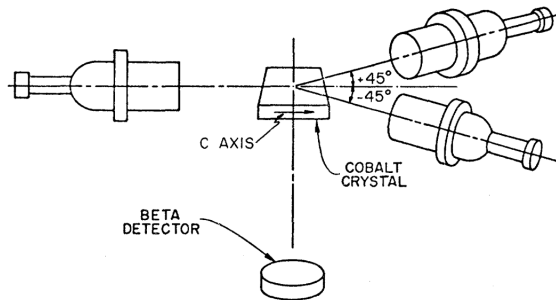


FIG. 3. A schematic representation of the detector geometry showing the three NaI γ detectors in the horizontal plane of crystal at angles of -45° , $+45^\circ$, and 180° to the c axis of the cobalt crystal. The β detector is located below the crystal.

Calaprice, Freedman, (Princeton); Osgood, Thomlinson (BNL)

PRC 15 381 (1977)

$$E_1 = -0.01 \pm 0.02$$

$\log(ft) = 8.7$ (E_β spectrum, no β - γ correlation \Rightarrow still allowed!)

$$y = -0.13 \pm 0.02 \text{ just right}$$

Markey and Boehm PRC 26 287R (1982)

$$V_{\text{Coul}} = 2.9 \text{ keV}, V_{\text{TRV}} = 54 \pm 110 \text{ eV}$$

(J.L. Mortara Ph.D. thesis 1992 UCB

$$E_1 = -0.001 \pm 0.006)$$

JB can't find theory papers citing these results ☹



A dozen measurements of M_V , $\langle F|V_{\text{coul}}|A \rangle$

Physics community has pushed to find good \mathcal{T} cases

Mostly β - γ circular polarization correlation

Atkinson NPA114 143 (1968);

Mann PR 137 B1 (1965) ;

Behrens ZfP 201 153 (1967)

Hints of a correlation between

$|M_V|$ and $|M_A|$ for these

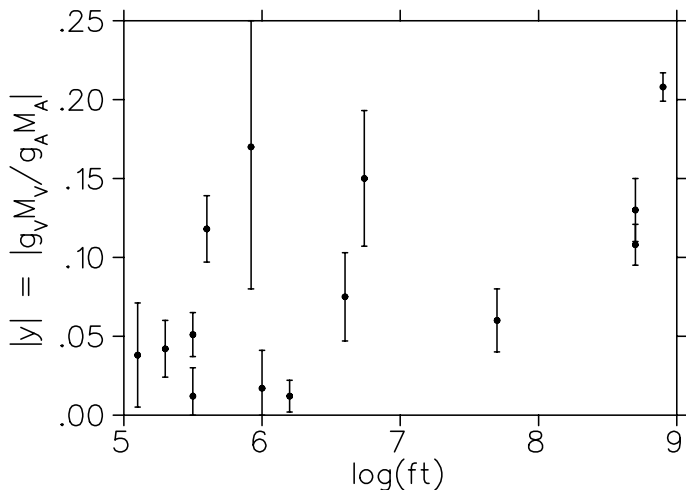
'antianalog' configurations:

$|M_V|/|M_A|$ not changing much as

$|M_A|$ falls

^{57}Fe $V_{\text{Coul}} = 54 \pm 10$ keV,

^{56}Co $V_{\text{Coul}} = 2.9 \pm 0.5$ keV



NDS 2008

^{45}K $Q=4197$

$3/2^+$ 18m

br log(ft)

1,3,5/2

1,3,5/2 $1/2^+$

$3/2^+$

$3/2^-$

$5/2^-$

$7/2^-$

6.6

15.5 10

51

1.4

7.9

5

5.75

5.84 5.99

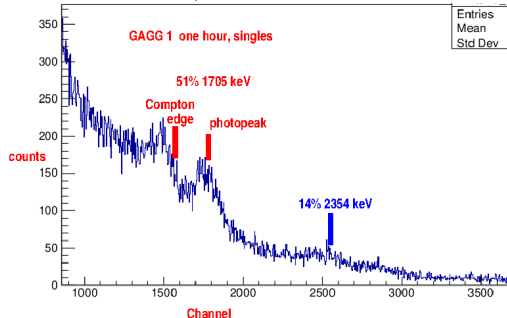
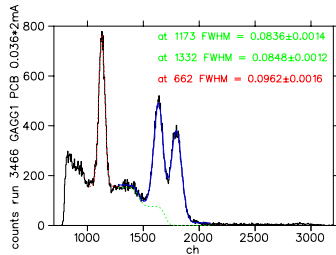
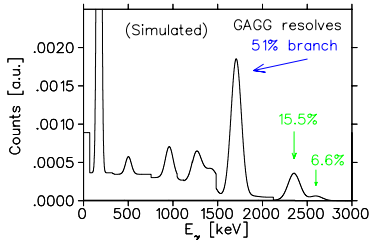
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7.6

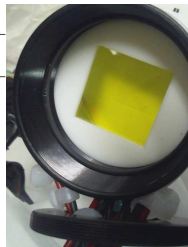
7.6

9.5

51% branch to $3/2^+$ state in ^{45}Ca .
Could have a large 'antianalog' component,
 $\langle F | V_{\text{coul}} | A \rangle \sim 5$ to 50 keV ?

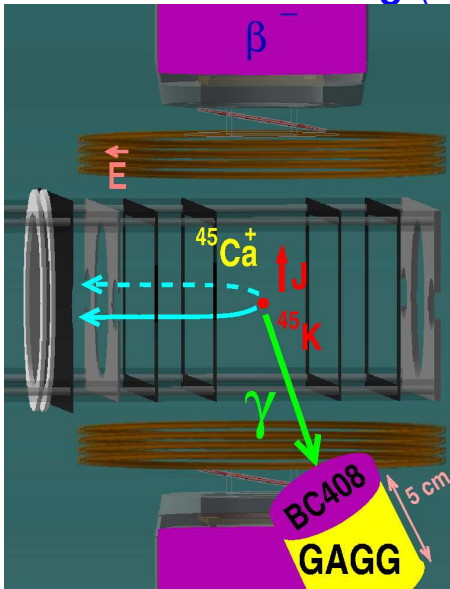


Entries
Mean
Std Dev





Measuring $\langle F | V_{\text{Coul}} | A \rangle$ in ^{45}K



- $A_{\text{recoil}} \propto A_{\beta} + B_{\nu}$

$$A_{\text{recoil}} \stackrel{p_{\text{recoil}} \gg m_{\beta}}{=} \frac{5}{8}(A_{\beta} + B_{\nu})$$

(Depends on recoil energy via predicted kinematics) S. Treiman Phys Rev 1958

- So $A_{\text{recoil}} = 0$ for pure Gamow-Teller

$$A_{\text{recoil}} = 2\sqrt{\frac{J}{J+1}} G_V M_V / G_A M_A$$

linear in M_V / M_A

- Recoil- γ coincidences to select the antianalog
- Determination of y with uncertainty ~ 0.02 or better should be possible

β asymmetry to determine $1/2, 3/2, 5/2^+$

(see Pitcairn PRC 79 015501 (2009)

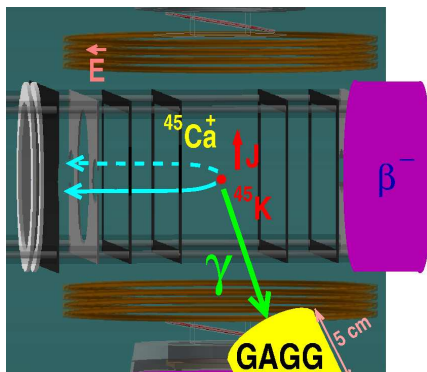
We measured $A_T = 0.015(29)(19)$ for G-T decay of ^{80}Rb)



TRINAT and D

Have considered D in $^{37}\text{K} \rightarrow$
 $^{37}\text{Ar} + \beta^+ + \nu$

5×10^{-4} statistical uncertainty
 per week of counting is
 possible.



Hard to compete with n and with ^{19}Ne on the G_V/G_A
 interference physics

(constrained by Ng-Tulin PRD 2012)

We can get better statistics in ^{45}K , an
 isospin-hindered case: β^- decay always makes a
 charged recoil for efficient detection.

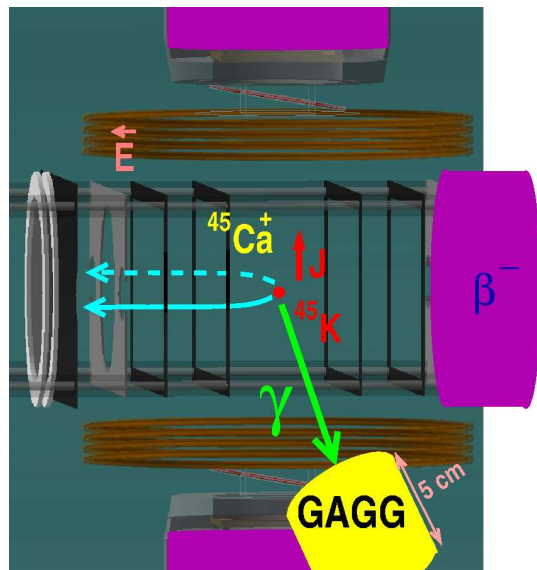
Uncertainty Projection:

Losing by 10x in sensitivity by $1/M_A$,
 given $E_1 = -0.01 \pm 0.02$ in ^{56}Co ,
 and winning by isospin $\sqrt{7/2}$,
 we can get a limit on K by this effect 4x better per
 week of counting.

How that translates into $\sin(\alpha_V)$ and $V_{\mathcal{T}}$ depends on
 V_{Coul} (2.9 keV in ^{56}Co).



D in atom trap: Features, Systematics



- Collect recoils going into 4 pi with electric field of 1 kV/cm
- Full reconstruction of recoil and beta momenta
- Point source: we know where it is (by sampling photoionization) and it doesn't move when we flip the polarization
- Any stray polarization along wrong axis is deadly, a lowest-order fake D: Measure with singles asymmetry for recoils and β 's



^{47}K vs. ^{45}K

y (Fermi/GT ratio)

must be measured

80% branch $1/2^+ \rightarrow 1/2^+$

Likely more reliable calculation

of final-state D_{EM} is possible

Shorter $t_{1/2} \rightarrow$ less background

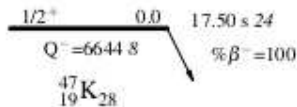
from untrapped atoms

10x Faster G-T

(s.p. s1/2 5x faster GT than

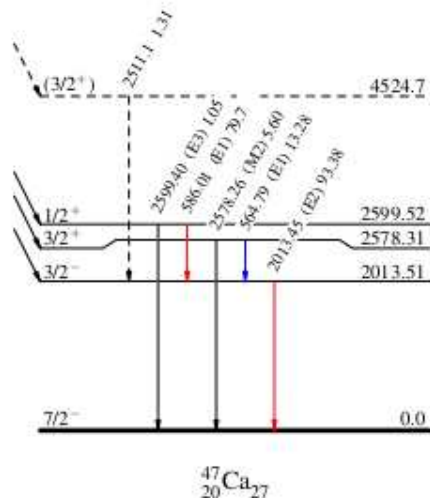
d3/2)

may be problematic



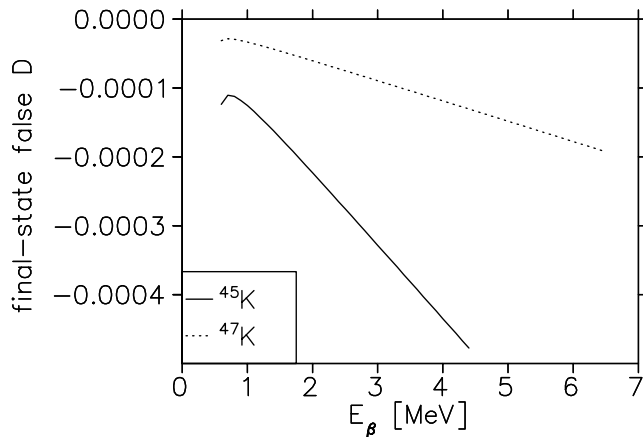
$l\beta^-$	$\text{Log } ft$
1.18	5.4

79.8	4.82
18.7	5.46
<2.0	>6.7





Final-state (false) D



For ^{56}Co final-state $E_1=0.0002$ (Calaprice 1977)

Holstein PRC 5 1529 (1972)

- Assumes weak magnetism b and induced tensor d are single-particle values, not suppressed like $M_A \Rightarrow$ Should be an upper limit
- Needs a calculation, but should be OK



Summary γ in isospin-hindered $^{45}_{19}\text{K}$, $^{47}_{19}\text{K}$ decay

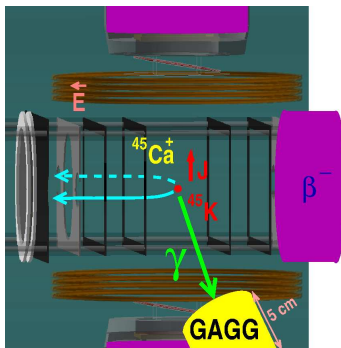
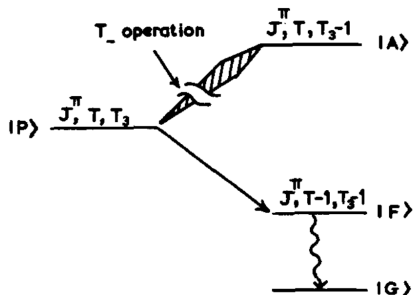
Implementing Barroso and Blin-Stoyle PLB 1973 with TRINAT,

We would measure $D \hat{\mathbf{J}} \cdot \frac{\vec{p}_\beta}{E_\beta} \times \frac{\vec{p}_\nu}{E_\beta}$

Project 5×10^{-4} statistics per week, 4x better precision on observable K than ^{56}Co Calaprice and Freedman

Extracting V_{TRV} needs M_V/M_{GT} to extract V_{coul} , which we would do by the recoil asymmetry wrt spin

Complementary to other TRV :
 P even, Isovector/tensor $N-N$ TRV
 (evades Ng-Tulin 2012);
 or Semileptonic 2nd-class $d_{||}$ TRV





Precision measurement of the nuclear polarization of laser-cooled, optically pumped ^{37}K

- **Motivation: spin-polarized β decay**
- **Direct Optical pumping**
Our polarization method also provides a continuous probe
Complication: Coherent population trapping. Easy to kill.
- **Measurement of ^{37}K polarization**

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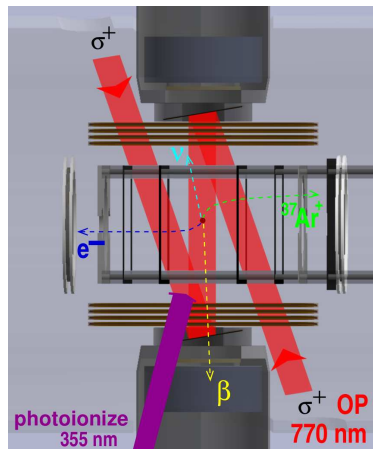
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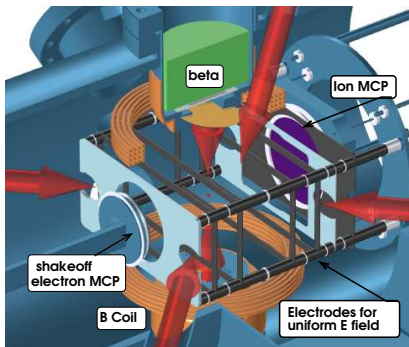
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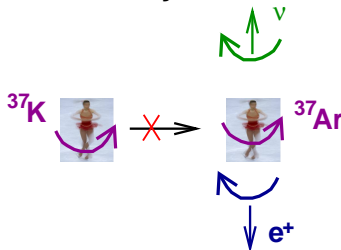
Our first use: $^{37}\text{K } A_\beta$ Fenker PRL 120 062502 (2018)

a different isospin mirror-decay spin-polarized observable



- 10,000 atoms trapped
- P measured in-situ on ^{37}K by atomic method
- ion + shakeoff e^- for A_{recoil}

Isobaric mirror decay
has helicity-driven null



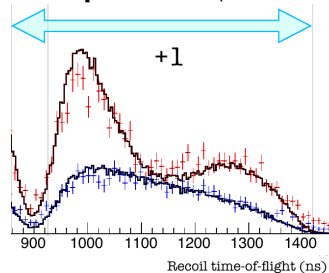
$$W(\theta, P) \approx 1 + a_{\text{pol}} \cos(\theta_{\beta\nu})$$

with $a_{\text{pol}} =$

$$(A_{\beta} - B_{\nu})P - a_{\beta\nu} + 2c/3$$

$= 1$ or 0 , indep of $\frac{M_{GT}}{M_F}$

2014 polarized β -recoil



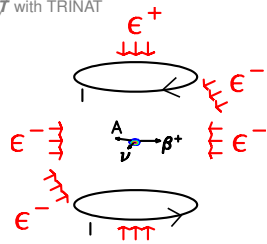
a_{pol} is an elegant
observable, but we may
always be
statistics-limited— we
push upgrades of
singles A_{β} and A_{recoil}

The neutron community checks this combination of observables for consistency

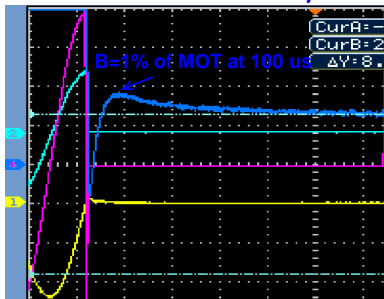
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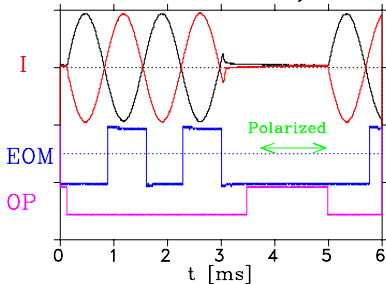
AC MOT to turn off Bquad



MOT's 7 G/cm Bquad off to 1% of its value in 100 μ s:

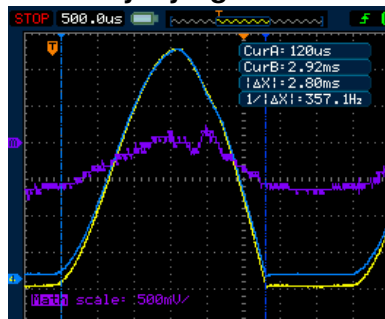


Turn off MOT of 2 ms, OP:



Inductively heats detectors to 40-60 $^{\circ}$ C

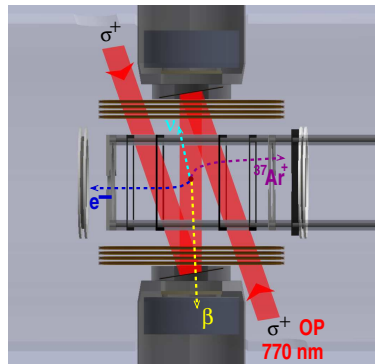
Presently trying $\omega/2 \rightarrow$



To remove longer-time eddy current buildup, need to invert this once

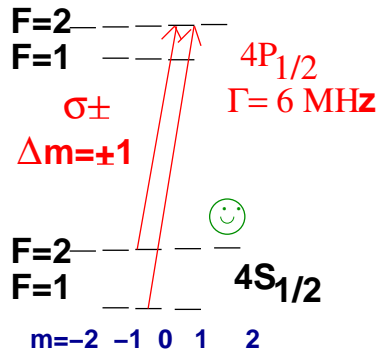


Direct Optical Pumping, $I=3/2$



- Biased random walk
- σ^\pm light $4S_{1/2} \rightarrow 4P_{1/2}$ transition

The same light creates the polarization and probes it nondestructively



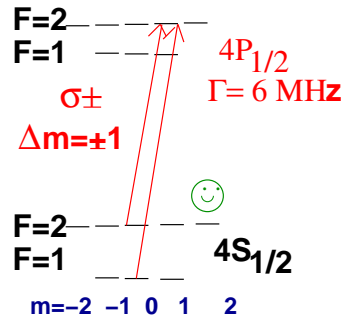
- optimize with ^{41}K , almost same hyperfine splitting as ^{37}K

$$\vec{F} = \vec{J}_{\text{atom}} + \vec{I}_{\text{nucleus}} \quad H_{\text{hyperfine}} = -\vec{\mu}_N \cdot \vec{B}_e = A \vec{I} \cdot \vec{J}$$

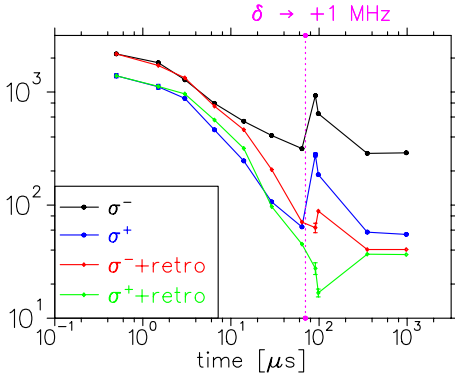
Spin flips: $\sigma^+ \rightarrow \sigma^-$;

small frequency shift (-2 MHz) to compensate Zeeman shift

Coherent Population Trapping is bad for us



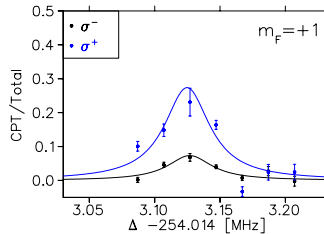
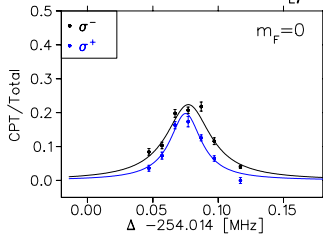
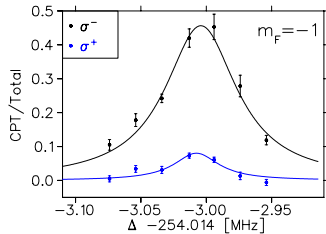
fluorescence counts



But easy to remove by counter-propagating beams and by RF detuning

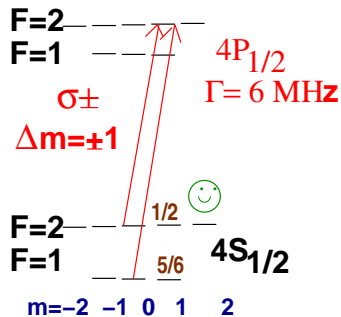
\Rightarrow

$B_z = 2.339(10) \text{ G}$





Quantifying ^{41}K polarization from excited state population



Tail \sim few % of peak \Rightarrow
 We need tail/peak
 to $\sim 10\%$ accuracy
 to extract P to $\sim 0.1\%$

We can't quite extract P by inspection:

• Nuclear polarization is
 different in $F = 2, m_F = 1$ vs.
 $F = 1, m_F = 1$

$\Delta F = 0$ for Larmor precession

We measure S_3 and float B_{\perp}
 ($S_3 = -0.9958(8), -0.9984(13),$
 $+0.9893(14), +0.9994(5)$)

Same centroid P 2 ways:

Rate eqs for populations

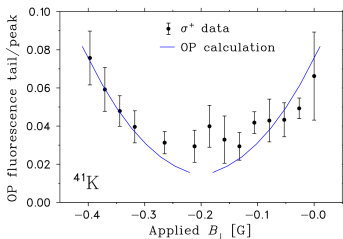
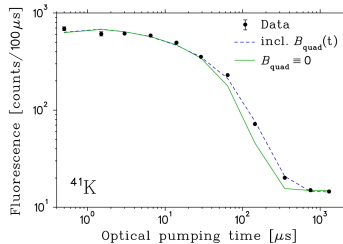
$$\frac{dN_i}{dt} = -R_{ji}N_i + R_{ij}N_j + \lambda N_j$$

Optical Bloch Eqs include

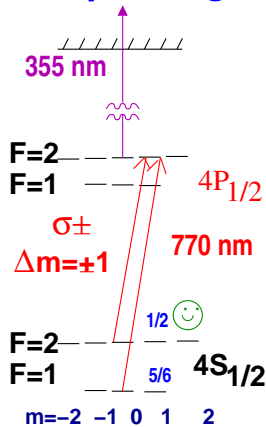
B_{\perp} rigorously

$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} [H, \rho] + \lambda$$

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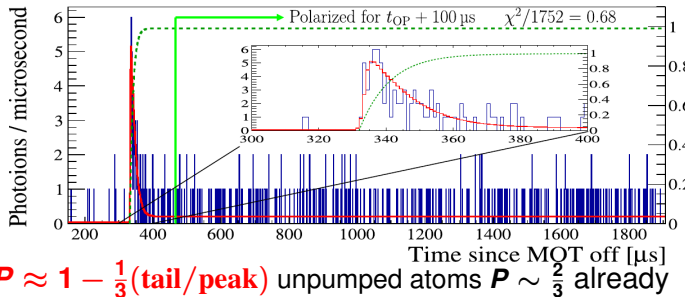
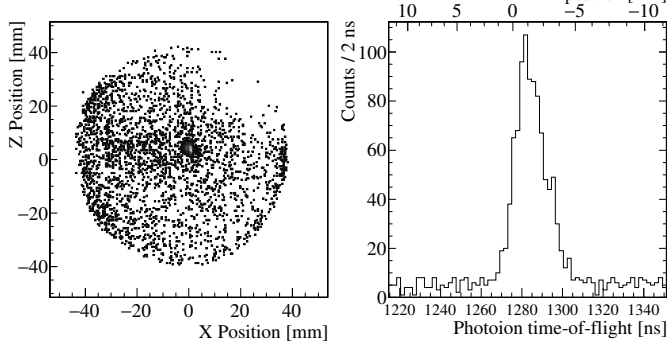


Optical pumping and probing ^{37}K



1 of 10
data sets

Photoionize 1% *in situ* probe
 $P_{+} = +0.9913(8)$ $P_{-} = -0.9912(9)$
 Fenker NJP 2016

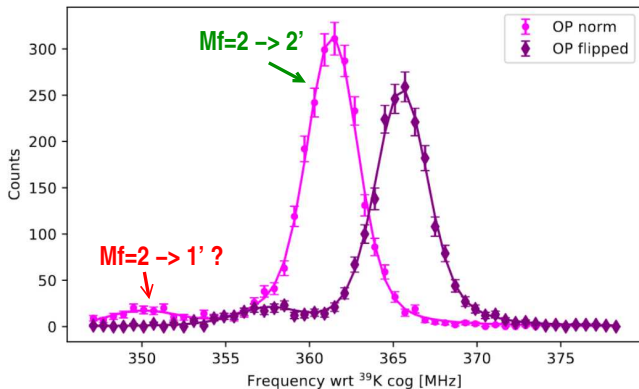
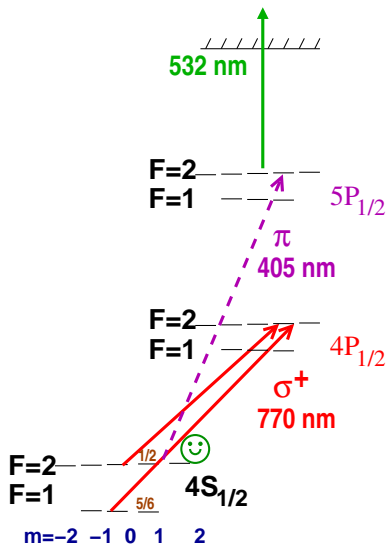


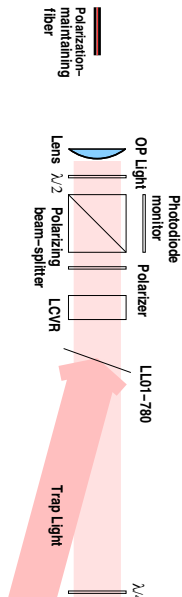
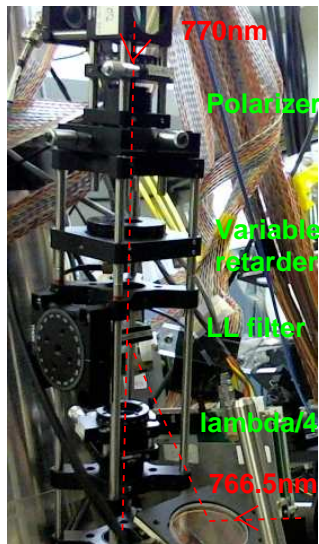
$P \approx 1 - \frac{1}{3}(\text{tail/peak})$ unpumped atoms $P \sim \frac{2}{3}$ already

In progress: More direct probe of ^{41}K population

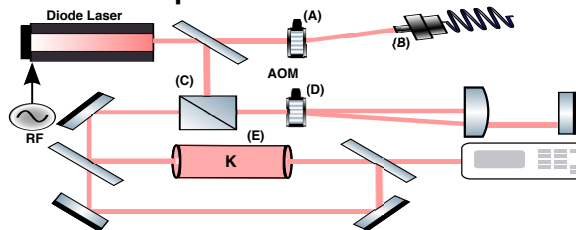
Our ^{37}K probe is in situ and nondestructive, but as a 1-parameter fit could use confirmation.

- $4\text{S}_{1/2} \rightarrow 5\text{P}_{1/2}$ has 1.1 Mhz FWHM, so resolves m_F levels split by our 2 Gauss Bz holding field
- Destructive and alters P but still provides useful info





- Combine 769.9nm D1 and 766.49 D2 with angle-tuned 780 nm laser-line filter
- Flip spin state with liquid crystal variable retarder \rightarrow twisted nematic l.c.
- Relieve stress-induced birefringence with PCTFE (Neoflon) viewport seals
- RF injection to generate the two ν 's \rightarrow fiber-coupled EOM





Polarization Improvements



SYST $\times 10^{-4}$

ΔP

ΔT

Fixes

σ^- σ^+ σ^- σ^+

Initial T

3 3 10 8

Measure it

Global fit v. ave

2 2 7 6

More 355nm

S_3^{out} Uncertainty

1 2 11 5

Better: TnLC

Cloud temp

2 0.5 3 2

Binning

1 1 4 3

More 355nm

B_z Uncertainty

0.5 3 2 7

Initial P

0.1 0.1 0.4 0.4

Require $\mathcal{I}_+ = \mathcal{I}_-$

0.1 0.1 0.1 0.2

Total SYSTEMATIC

5 5 17 14

STATISTICS

7 6 21 17

More 355nm

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$$P(\sigma^+) = +0.9913(8) \quad T(\sigma^+) = -0.9770(22)$$

$$P(\sigma^-) = -0.9912(9) \quad T(\sigma^-) = -0.9761(27)$$

0.25 mm SiC-backed mirrors \rightarrow pellicles for less β^+ scattering

Stern Family of National Photocolor



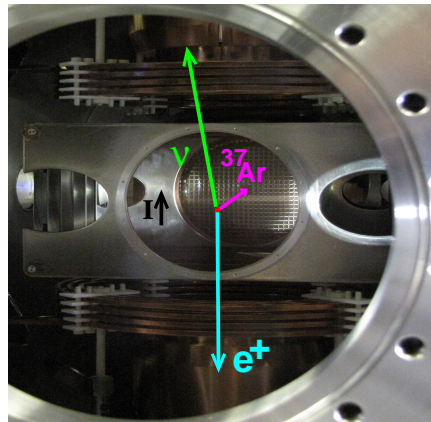
70nm Au +
4 μ Kapton
5 λ flatness

- PCTFE viewport seals
- Lower-frequency AC-MOT
- Double OP power: fight Larmor precession

• **Uncertainty $\propto (1 - P)$**
so the better we make P , the smaller its uncertainty

τ with TRIUMF's Neutral Atom Trap for β decay

- $\vec{p}_\nu \cdot \vec{p}_\beta \times \vec{p}_\gamma$ in 37 or ^{38}mK $\beta\nu\gamma$ decay
Low-E, Weakly coupled strongly interacting τ
- $D \hat{\mathbf{I}} \cdot \frac{\vec{p}_\beta}{E_\beta} \times \frac{\vec{p}_\nu}{E_\nu}$ in isospin-hindered $^{45,47}\text{K}$ decay
Parity even, isospin-breaking τ in final nucleus
- Technical: optical pumping of ^{37}K
 $99.1 \pm 0.01\%$ + Thin mirrors, improved σ^+ ...
- ~~$A_\beta, A_{\text{recoil}}$~~ in ^{37}K decay



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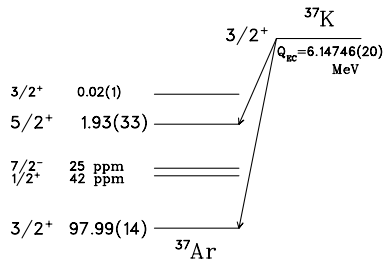


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^{37}K : isobaric mirror decays minimize nuclear uncertainties



$\mathcal{F}t$ (Shidling PRC 2014) \Rightarrow

$$\rho = C_A M_{GT} / C_V M_F = 0.5768 \pm 0.0021$$

$\Rightarrow A_\beta[\text{theory}] = -0.5706 \pm 0.0007$
 main uncertainty is experimental branching ratio

CVC \Rightarrow most important corrections:

$\mu \Rightarrow b_{WM}$

(small for $\pi d_{3/2}$)

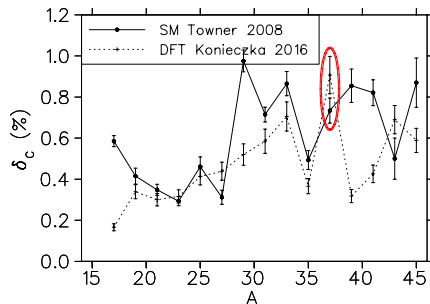
Induced tensor $d_1 \approx 0$
 for isobaric mirror

$Q \Rightarrow$ largest 2nd-order recoil + Coulomb + finite-size \Rightarrow

$$\Delta A_\beta \approx -0.0028 (E_\beta / E_0)$$

Holstein RMP 1975

Deduced V_{ud} from exp A_β agrees with Hayen Severijns arXiv 1906.09870 using Behrens and Bühring



Shell model for isospin mixing \Rightarrow 0.0004 uncertainty

DFT for isospin mixing has improved functional for $A \sim 37$
 Using weighted average for δ_C would \Rightarrow 0.0004 \rightarrow 0.0005

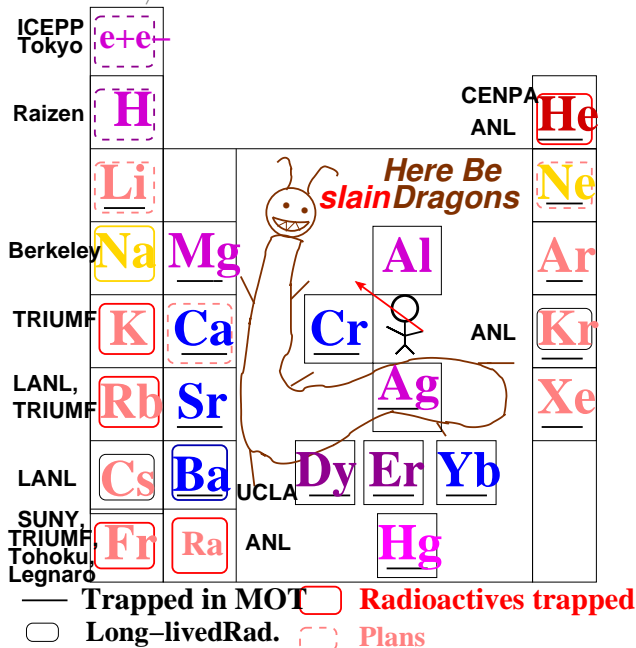
This could use modern theory

Many elements can now be laser trapped

Atoms with simple transitions (allowing $\sim 10,000$ photon momentum transfers to cool) are easiest

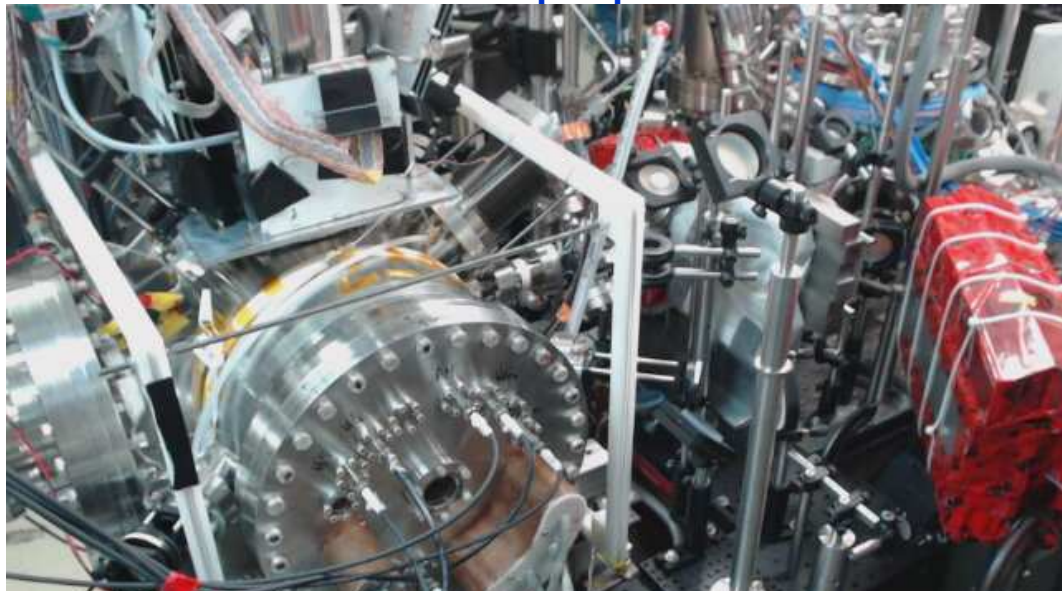
But many are now possible, if you add enough lasers, depending on what efficiency one can accept

Molecules like SrF, CaF, YO have been laser-cooled





TRINAT lab: “tabletop experiment”



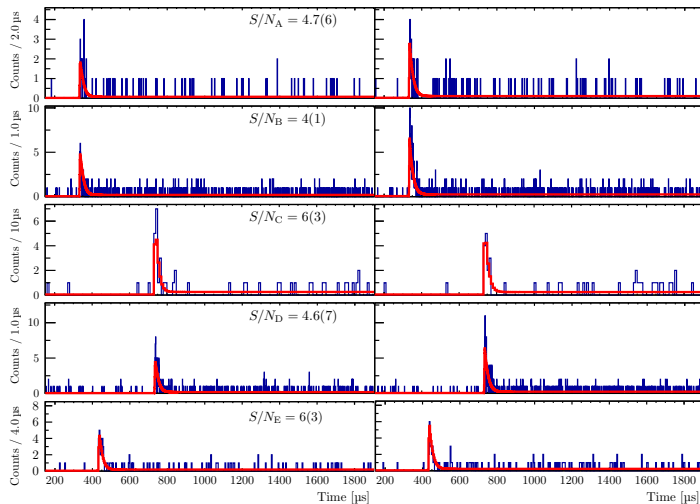


Polarization fit to all ^{37}K data

Transverse field (B_x) common to all: 124(8) mG

σ^- Polarization State

σ^+ Polarization State



- The small unpumped population is pretty well polarized