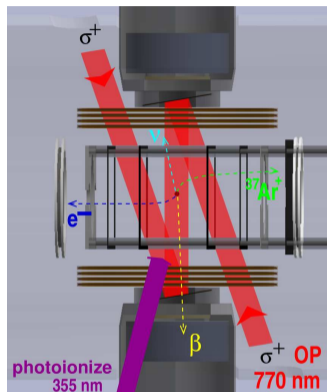


# S1188 Spin-polarized $^{37}\text{K}$ $\beta^+$ Decay with TRINAT



$p_{^{37}\text{Ar}}$  from TOF and  
MCP position, uniform  $\vec{E}$   
( $\beta^+$  or  $e^-$  TOF trigger)  
 $\beta^+$  detection for  $A_\beta$

- Update Motivation
  - High-energy physics progress
  - 2nd-class currents: unique contribution from nuclear  $\beta$  decay
  - Competition in  $\beta$  decay
- Experimental improvements, projected uncertainty budgets:
  - Spin Polarization (common)
    - $A_{\text{recoil}}$
    - $A_\beta$
- Status, Request, TRINAT plans

## TRIUMF Neutral Atom Trap collaboration:



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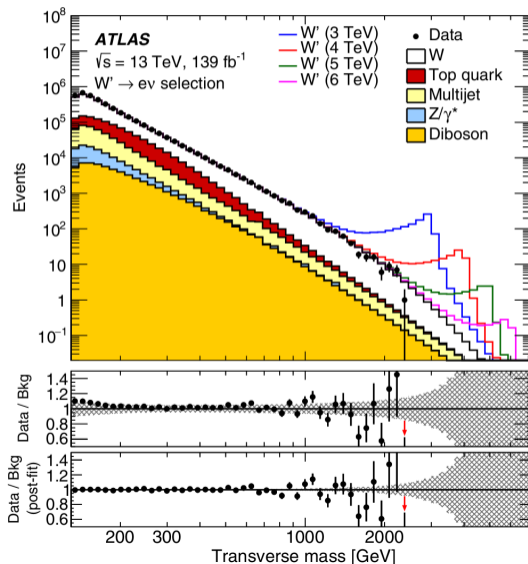
Supported by NSERC, NRC through TRIUMF, DOE

**M. Anholm will finish Ph.D. analyzing  $A_\beta[E_\beta]$**

**J. McNeil will do requested  $A_{\text{recoil}}$  for his Ph.D.**



## Quasi-direct limits from high-energy colliders: update



**LHC13  $\sigma[p + p \rightarrow e + \text{missing } p_{\perp}]$**

**is related to  $n \rightarrow p + e + \nu$**

**by EFT (to scale the momentum transfer dependence, etc.)**

**see Gonzalez-Alonso, Naviliat-Cuncic, Severijns, Prog Par Nuc Phys 104 165 (2019):**

**← 13 TeV data:**

**ATLAS expected 3, saw 2**

**Phys Rev D 100 052013 2019**

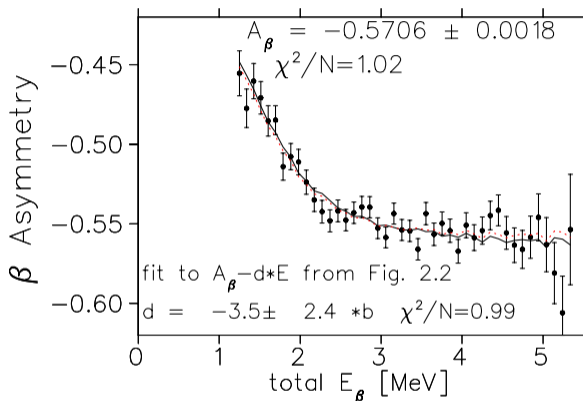
**CMS expected 2.5 events, saw 2 JHEP06 128 2018**

**LHC won't say more until  $\sim 2025$**

**Experiments should now show complementary discovery potential**



## 2nd-class currents: unconstrained by $pp \rightarrow e + p_{\perp}$



“2nd-class” weak interactions violate g-parity (charge symmetry) when quarks are combined by QCD into nucleons.

“Induced tensor”  $d \approx 0$  in isobaric mirror decay.

- “To provide for 2nd-class currents it would be necessary... to introduce 2 pairs of quarks and to suppose that each is a doublet under strong interactions...” Holstein and Treiman, PRD 13 3059 (1976)

↑ A strongly interacting dark sector?

Complementary to other nuclear  $\beta$  decay (Sumikama PRC 2011) in models with two strong-interaction couplings, where 2nd-class currents change with nucleus (Wilkinson EPJA 2000)

BABAR set best 3rd-generation constraints PRL 2009  $\tau^{-} \rightarrow \omega \pi^{-} \nu_{\tau}$

## Nuclear and neutron $\beta$ decay progress

Some highlights from INT workshop Nov 2019

**$V_{ud}$  radiative corrections, including as a function of  $E_\beta$ , heighten interest**  
**PERKEO III has made a large advance in neutron  $A_\beta$ , along with a Fierz term measurement.**

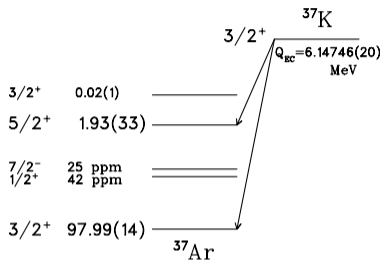
**aSPECT disagrees in neutron  $a_\beta$  by  $2.8 \sigma$  with PERKEO III**

**ANL  $^8\text{Li}$ ,  $^8\text{B}$   $\beta$  decay in a Paul trap continues to make progress**

**New techniques to measure the  $\beta$  energy spectrum to search for the Fierz term including implantation in detectors (Naviliat-Cuncic) and cyclotron resonance microwave emission (Garcia U.W.).**

**WISArD: WITCH magnet,  $\beta$ -delayed proton decay of  $^{32}\text{Ar}$ , proton energy shift with  $\beta^+$ . Test run arXiv:1906.05135. Uses catcher foil, so backscattering...**

# $^{37}\text{K}$ : TAMU $Ft$ progress: theory status



$\mathcal{F}t$  (Shidling PRC 2014) =  
 $4576 \pm 8$  s

Ozmetin et al. TAMU  
 Branch to  $5/2^+$  improved

→ PRELIM  $4585 \pm 4$  s

~0.0005 for  $V_{ud}$  from  $A_{\text{recoil}}$   
 becomes possible

CVC  $\Rightarrow$  most important  
 corrections:

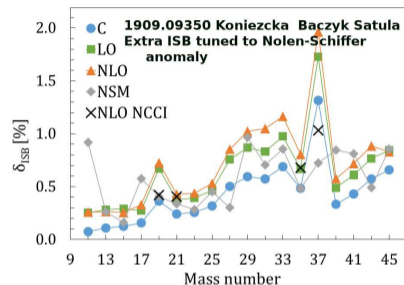
$\mu \Rightarrow b_{WM}$   
 (small for  $\pi d_{3/2}$ )

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

Our deduced  $V_{ud}$  from  $^{37}\text{K}$   
 $A_\beta$  agrees with Hayen  
 Severijns arXiv 1906.09870  
 using Behrens and  
 Bühring formalism



DFT with extra isospin  
 breaking tuned to fix  
 Nolen-Schiffer differs from  
 Towner 2008 in  $^{35}\text{Ar}$ ,  $^{37}\text{K}$   
 Stroberg, Holt are applying  
 in-medium similarity  
 renormalization group



**Polarization=0.991(1) → projected 0.9960(5)**



**0.25 mm SiC-backed mirrors → pellicles for less  $\beta^+$  scattering**

Stern Family of National Photocolor



**70nm Au +  
4 $\mu$  Kapton  
5 $\lambda$  flatness**

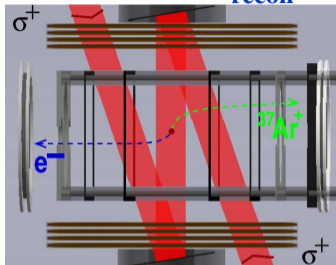
Source	$\Delta P [\times 10^{-4}]$		$\Delta T [\times 10^{-4}]$		$\Delta P$
	$\sigma^-$	$\sigma^+$	$\sigma^-$	$\sigma^+$	$\sigma^-$
<b>SYSTEMATICS</b>					<b>PROJ</b>
Initial $T$	3	3	10	8	2
Global fit v. ave	2	2	7	6	1
$S_3^{\text{out}}$ Uncertainty	1	2	11	5	0
Cloud temp	2	0.5	3	2	1
Binning	1	1	4	3	0
$B_z$ Uncertainty	0.5	3	2	7	0.5
Initial $P$	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.1
Require $\mathcal{I}_+ = \mathcal{I}_-$	<u>0.1</u>	<u>0.1</u>	<u>0.1</u>	<u>0.2</u>	0
Total Systematic	5	5	17	14	2.5
<b>STATISTICS</b>	7	6	21	17	4

- PCTFE viewport seals
- Lower-frequency AC-MOT
- Double OP power: fight Larmor precession
- Better spin flips TnLC
- 3x more photoionizing light
- **Uncertainty  $\propto (1 - P)$**

**Patient undergrads lead most of these improvements**

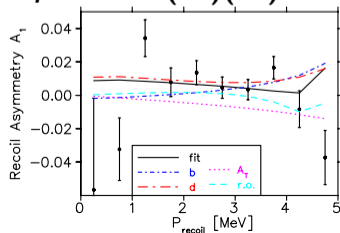


$A_{\text{recoil}} \propto A_{\beta} + B_{\nu}$  in  $^{37}\text{K}$  decay

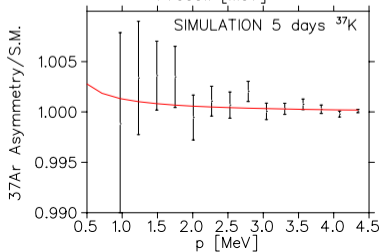
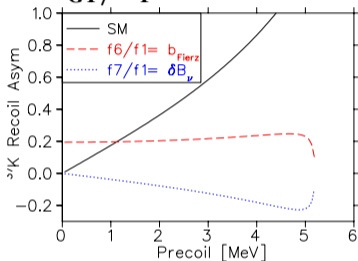


see  $^{80}\text{Rb}$  Pitcairn PRC09

$A_T = 0.015(29)(19)$

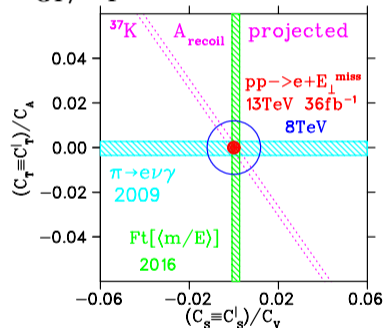


$A_{\text{recoil}}[p_{\text{recoil}}]$  independent  
of  $M_{\text{GT}}/M_F$



Discovery potential,  
assuming known

$M_{\text{GT}}/M_F$  90%



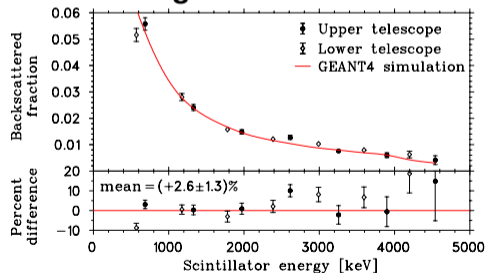
Completed upgrade to 1  
kV/cm, fine-tuning  
polarization: plan to be  
ready in October 2020.



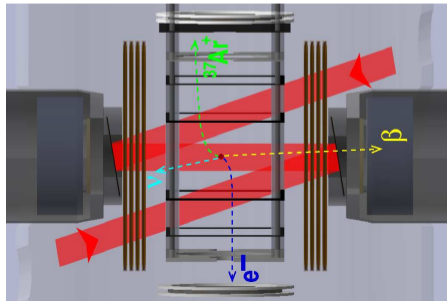
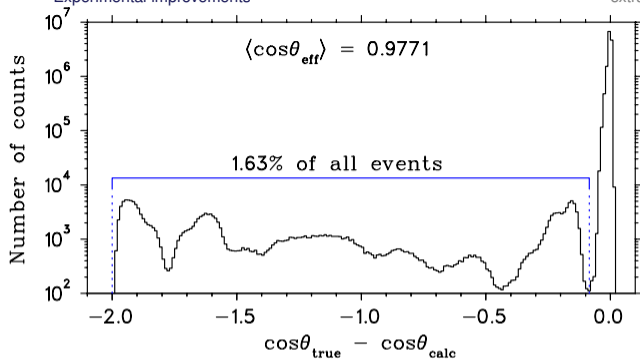
# Scattered $\beta$ 's



We can reduce the backscattering from SS collimator by lowering Z.  
We consider Cesium (carbon fiber reinforced silicon carbide ceramic) and covering the Cu coils

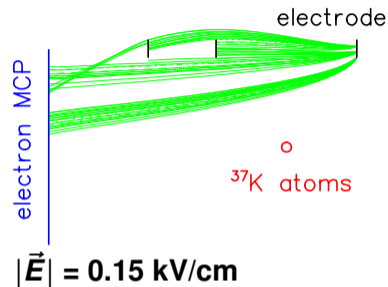
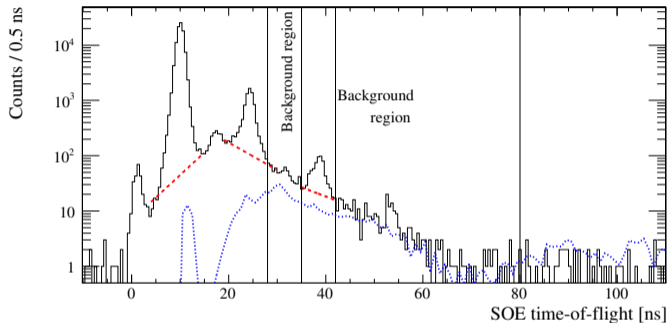


Extend to lower  $E_\beta$ , benchmark GEANT4 with higher statistics





# Background in $\beta$ - shakeoff $e^-$ coincidence



- $2.8 \times 10^{-3}$  of events in main peak are background from non-trapped atoms
- Conservatively assume polarized between 0 and 100%.  
→  $A_\beta \times (1.0014 \pm 0.0014)$
- These will be removed by MCP position info when we run at design  $E$  field 1 kV/cm

$A_\beta$  Systematics $\Delta A_\beta \times 10^{-4}$  Proj

Background (Correction 1.0014 <b>1.0000</b> )	8	0
$\beta$ scattering <sup>†</sup> (Correction 1.0234 <b>1.01</b> )	7	3
Trap Position (typ. $\leq \pm 20 \mu\text{m}$ )	4	2
Sail velocity (typ. $\leq \pm 30 \mu\text{m/ms}$ )	5	3
Temperature (typ. $\leq 0.2\text{mK}$ ) & width	1	0.7
BB1 Radius <sup>†</sup> $15^{+3.5}_{-5.5}$ mm	4	4
Energy agreement ( $3\sigma \leftrightarrow 5\sigma$ )	2	2
threshold ( $60 \leftrightarrow 40$ keV)	1	1
Scintillator threshold ( <b>0.4</b> $\leftrightarrow$ <b>1.0</b> MeV)	0.3	0.3
Shakeoff electron t.o.f. region	3	1
SiC mirror thickness <sup>†</sup> ( $\pm 6 \mu\text{m}$ )	1	0
Be window thickness <sup>†</sup> ( $\pm 23 \mu\text{m}$ )	0.9	0.9
BB1 thickness <sup>†</sup> ( $\pm 5 \mu\text{m}$ )	0.1	0.1
Scintillator or summed <sup>†</sup>	1	1
Scintillator calibration ( $\pm 0.4\text{ch/keV}$ )	0.1	0.1

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Total systematics	12	7
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Statistics	13	6
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Polarization	5	2
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Total uncertainty	18	8
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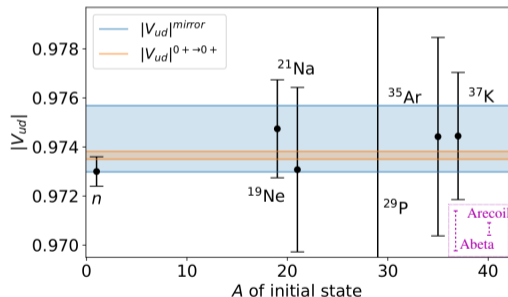
Improvements  TRIUMF

- Minimize Background by sweeping away  $e^-$  with larger  $\vec{E}$
- Reduce scattering by 2 with lower-Z materials  
Improve understanding
- Reduced energy threshold using pellicle mirrors
- Improve statistics



# Physics of average $A_\beta$

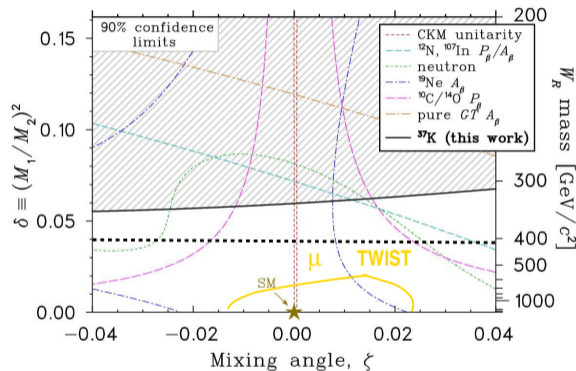
Deduced  $V_{ud}$  from mirror decays  
Hayen and Severijns,  
arXiv:1906.09870 (June 2019)  
including G-T radiative correction



We **project** to reach 0.0005 accuracy,  
as good as any  $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$  except  $^{26m}\text{Al}$ .  
Assumes 5% isospin breaking



as of Fenker et al. PRL 2018:



Right-handed V+A currents from  
nuclear and neutron  $\beta$  decay, in  
manifest left-right model  
Projection for 3x better  $A_\beta$

# TRIUMF S1188 Request and TRINAT plans



We have used a few shifts to test apparatus: remaining 10 shifts expiring now.

We request to have 20 shifts total to:

- measure  $A_\beta[E_\beta]$  3-5 x better. At same time:
- $A_{\text{recoil}}$  with sensitivity to '4-fermion contact' interactions complementary to

$\pi \rightarrow e\nu\gamma$ ,  $\pi \rightarrow e\nu$ , and LHC  $p + p \rightarrow e + E_\perp$

**J. McNeil, UBC Ph.D. project**

- S1810  $^{92}\text{Rb } 0^- \rightarrow 0^+ E_\nu a_{\beta\nu}$

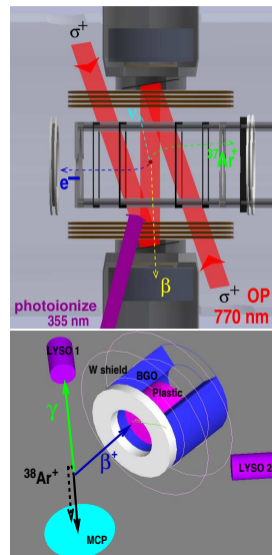
$^{92}\text{Rb}$  was J. McNeil M.Sc.

Looking for a student for 2 more cases.

- S1603 TRV  $\beta\nu\gamma$  3-momentum correlation

Proceeding with undergrad  $\gamma$ -ray development.

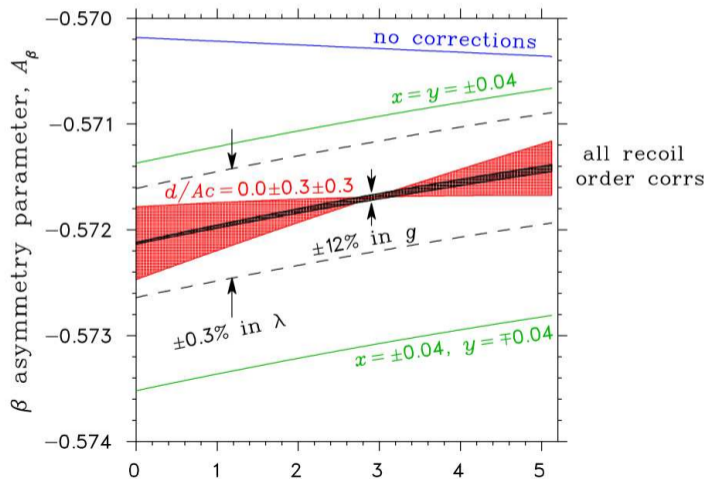
Recruiting a student.



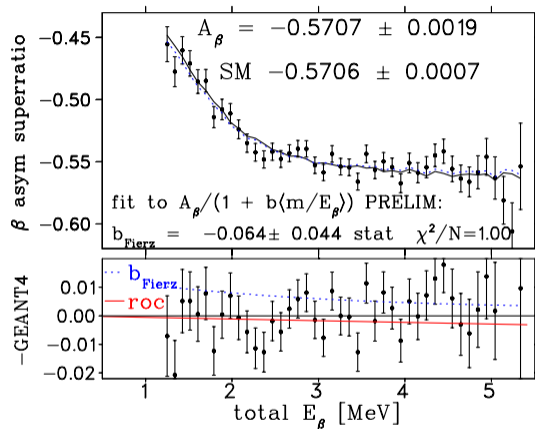
## $^{37}\text{K}$ : recoil-order effects to 2nd order

from D. Melconian TRIUMF EEC 2008 proposal

$g$  is the 2nd-order electric quadrupole moment weak analog; it is known better now



# $A_\beta$ (PRELIM: $A_\beta [E_\beta]$ ) agrees with S.M.



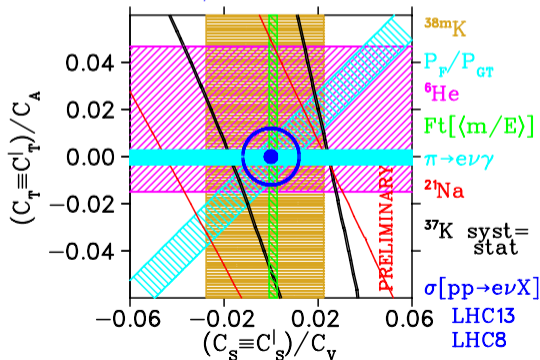
LHC13  $\sigma[p + p \rightarrow e\nu X]$  Naviliat-Cuncic  
 Gonzalez-Alonso AnDP 2013  
 (Cirigliano et al JHEP 2013) and

CMS 2018 JHEP06 128: 2.5 events expected, 2 seen

Nucleon, Lepton Currents making up  
 Lagrangian (a scalar) can separately  
 transform like  $S, T, V, A$

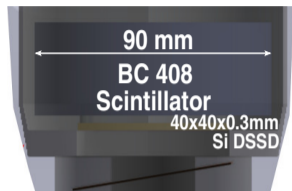
1957 version of EFT.

Fierz term  $\propto \langle \frac{m_\beta}{E_\beta} \rangle$   $\downarrow$  floating this changes  $V_{ud}$

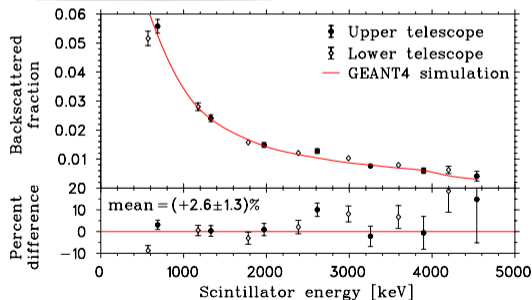




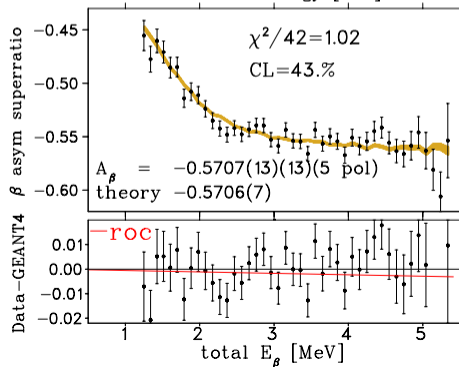
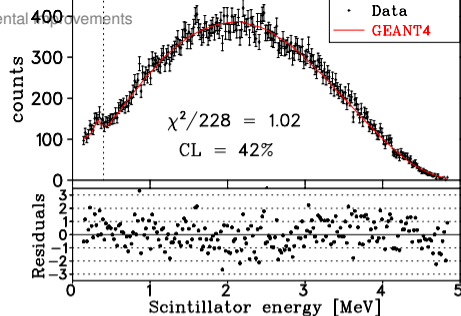
# $\beta^+$ asymmetry $^{37}\text{K}$ data



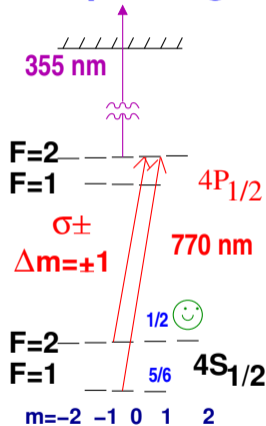
DSSD  
rejects  
BC408  
backscatter



• Backscatter from scint agrees to  $\approx 5\%$  over  $E_{\beta+}$  range of interest

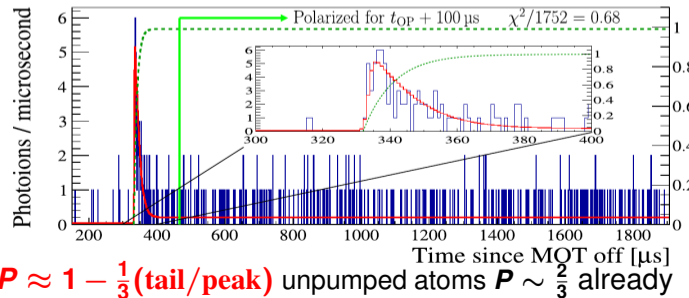
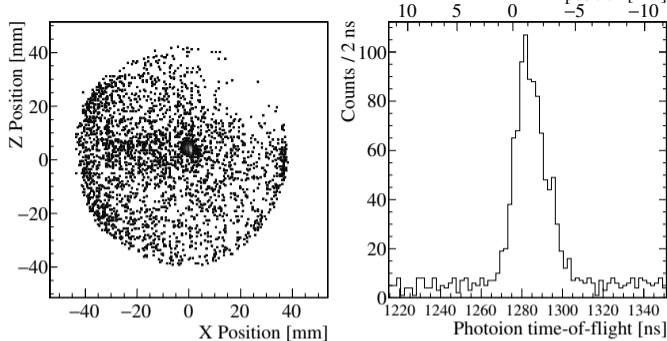


# Optical pumping and probing $^{37}\text{K}$



1 of 10  
data sets

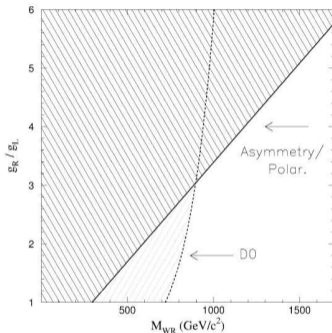
Photoionize 1% *in situ* probe  
 $P_+ = +0.9913(8)$   $P_- = -0.9912(9)$   
 Fenker NJP 2016





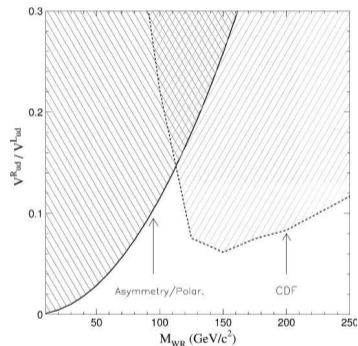
# 'Non-manifest' Left-Right models

*E. Thomas et al. / Nuclear Physics A 694 (2001) 559–589*



**$g_R > g_L$  :**  
 **$^{37}\text{K} \Rightarrow g_R \lesssim 7.7$  at 4 TeV**  
**(or  $g_R < 4$ , at 2 TeV but**  
**LHC7 2 TeV 'bump' had**  
 **$g \sim 0.5$ )**

*E. Thomas et al. / Nuclear Physics A 694 (2001) 559–589*



**$V_{ud}^R < V_{ud}^L$**   
**For  $M_{W'}' < 70 \text{ GeV}$ ,**  
**nuclear  $\beta$  decay**  
**constrains  $V_{ud}^R$**

## TRIUMF Ions backscatter

- **SRIM:  $\sim 5\%$  10 keV Ar backscatter from nichrome**  
the  $\vec{E}$  field will re-collect ions
  - **F. Meyer et al. Phys. Scr. T92 182 (2001)**  
experiment suggests  $\sim 10\%$  remain ionized.
- So  $\sim 0.1\%$  of the ions could trigger events significantly later. Study by multiple hits?**

