ν helicity & time-reversal breaking with TRIUMF's neutral atom trap for β decay



• get ν momentum from the decay products

• Spin-polarize ³⁷K 99.1±0.1% by direct optical pumping

• Angular correlations of β^+ and ν are determined by their helicities (and angular momentum conservation)

We test whether parity is completely broken \leftrightarrow leptons left-handed, antileptons right-handed

In ³⁷K decay we plan the most direct ν helicity measurement since BNL 1957

• Sensitivity to time-reversal breaking $\vec{l} \cdot \vec{v_{\beta}} \times \vec{v_{\nu}}$ enhanced in isospin-forbidden β decay 47,45 K

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Nuclear and neutron β decay progress

• V_{ud} new radiative corrections break CKM unitarity at 0.1% at 3 σ igodot

Seng Gorchtein Ramsey-Musolf PRD 100 013001 (2019) Seng PRL 130 152501 (2023) (1- $q^2 R_{weak}^2$) fixes CKM but breaks CVC? C

• PERKEO III has improved neutron $A_{\beta}[E_{\beta}]$, including a Fierz term measurement saul PRL 115 112502 (2020)

• aSPECT $a_{\beta-\nu}$ Beck PRC 101 055506 (2020) differs by 0.008 at 2.8 σ from PERKEO III in GT/F. B

Consistent with a Lorentz tensor (i.e. not like E&M vector!) coupling to right-handed ν (global fit Falkowski JHEP04 (2021) 126)

yet ANL ⁸*Li*, ⁸*B* β decay in a Paul trap Burkey PRL 128 202502 (2022); Sargsyan PRL 128 202503 (2022) agrees with SM in tension with aSPECT as a Lorentz tensor O

Decays: Parity Operation can be simulated by Spin Flip Under Parity operation \mathcal{P} :



⇒ A spin flip corresponds exactly to \mathcal{P} reversal. Decays don't exactly test *T*-reversal symmetry because $|i\rangle$ ↔ $|f\rangle$ ③

Parity and ν's Isospin-breaking time One experimental discovery of parity violation



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FIG. 2. Gamma anisotropy and beta asymmetry for polarizing field pointing up and pointing down.



entanglement?

Wu. Ambler. Havward. Hopper, Hobson, PR 105 1413 Feb '57 **Dilution Refrigerator to** spin-polarize $^{60}\mathrm{Co}
ightarrow ^{60}\mathrm{Ni}$ + eta^- + $ar{
u}$ $I^{\pi} = 5^+ 4^+$ $m{W}[m{ heta}] = m{1} + m{P}m{A}\hat{m{I}} \cdot rac{m{ec{p}_m{eta}}}{m{E}_m{A}}$ $= 1 + A \frac{v}{c} \cos[\theta]$ $A_{\beta-}\approx -1.0$

This measures the β^- helicity, but not ν

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β^+ asymmetry ³⁷K data



Fenker et al. Phys Rev Lett 120, 062502 (2018) A_{β} [experiment]= -0.5707 ± 0.0019 A_{β} [theory] = -0.5706 ± 0.0007 Neutron and ¹⁹Ne have since achieved similar fractional accuracy

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$m{A}_eta[m{E}_eta]$ contrains (1+ $m{b}_{ m Fierz}m{m}/m{E})$ M. Anholm Ph.D. thesis, U. Manitoba, Dec 2022

Uncertainty budget Projected Scintillator Calibration 0.003 Scintillator Threshold 0.004 **DSSD Individual Strip SNR** 0.006 **DSSD Energy Agreement** 0.005 **DSSD Detection Radius** 0.006 **DSSD Energy Threshold** 0.005 Atomic Cloud 0.002 Background 0.004 **Beta Scattering** $0.031 \rightarrow 0.010$ Low Energy Tail 0.008 Mirror Thickness $0.013 \rightarrow 0.001$ DSSD Thickness 0.013 **Beryllium Foil Thickness** 0.004

Total Systematics $0.039 \rightarrow 0.022$ $b_{\text{Fierz}} = 0.033 \pm 0.084 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.039 (\text{syst})$



S,T sensitivity is complementary to neutron β decay $|M_{GT}|^2 \approx 3/5$ for ³⁷K, 5x smaller than in neutron decay

intro RIUMF A different isospin mirror-decay spin-polarized observable

decay has helicity-driven null





2014 polarized β -recoil



determination

 $W(\theta, P) \approx 1 + a_{pol} \cos(\theta_{\beta\nu})$ where $a_{pol} = (A_{\beta} - B_{\nu})P - a_{\beta\nu} + 2c/3 = 1$ or 0, independent of $\frac{M_{GT}}{M_{F}}$ The neutron community checks this combination of observables for consistency Mostovoi+Frank Pis'ma Zh. Eksp. Teor. Fiz. 24 45 (1976)

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Deduced V_{ud} from mirror decays Hayen and Young, arXiv:2009.11364 including G-T radiative correction



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



Isospin-breaking time

Assuming T2K confirms *CP*[°] _{Nature 580 339 (2020)} and convincingly generates Sakharov's baryon asymmetry, looking for *T* remains kewl for its own sake

When designing \mathcal{T} decay experiments like D $\vec{l} \cdot \vec{v_{\beta}} \times \vec{v_{\nu}}$: • What underlying physics generates the \mathcal{T} ? parity-even isospin-breaking nucleon-nucleon interactions

• (For Decays) How big are the 'final state effects'? Estimate in ^{47,45}K is much smaller than our projected experimental uncertainty



• Is anyone else doing it better?

Our projected sensitivity to $\overline{\mathcal{X}}$ parity-even interactions is similar to NOPTREX neutron resonance experiments. Isospin-breaking $\overline{\mathcal{X}}$ makes us complementary

• How strong are the contraints from null EDM's?

By specializing to isospin-breaking \mathcal{T} , we relax the Ng-Tulin PRD85 033011 bound- i.e. D < 10⁻⁴ from neutron EDM- by about two orders of magnitude



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\mathcal{T} in isospin-hindered β^- decay Barroso and Blin-Stoyle, PL 45B 178 (1973) observables:



 $y = M_e/M_e$

⁵⁶Co *T* experiment

Asymmetry of the 45° γ detectors with nuclear alignment



"Test of time-reversal invariance in the beta decay of ⁵⁶Co" Calaprice, Freedman, (Princeton); Osgood, Thomlinson (BNL) PRC 15 381 (1977) $\textit{E}_{1} = \textbf{-0.01} \pm \textbf{0.02}$

log(ft) = 8.7, yet known allowed:

 E_{eta} spectrum, no eta- γ correlation)

y = -0.13±0.02 PRC 26 287R (1982) Markey, Boehm (RIP Felix 2021)

 V_{Coul} = 2.9 keV, $V_{\mathcal{T}}$ = 54 ± 110eV (J.L. Mortara Ph.D. thesis 1999 UCB $E_1 = -0.001 \pm 0.006$

$$\Rightarrow V_{\mathcal{X}} = 5 \pm 33 \text{ eV}$$
)

We believe we can measure D in ^{47,45}K much more accurately than E in ⁵⁶Co, but we must find a case with $|M_{GT}|$, V_{Coul} , and \mathcal{I} N-N matrix elements to allow complementary or better sensitivity to $V_{\mathcal{I}}$

WTRIUMF D $\vec{l} \cdot \vec{v_{\beta}} \times \vec{v_{\nu}}$ in atom trap: Features, Systematics



- \bullet 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

D Uncertainties / 100 scaling from Melconian PLB 649 270 (2007)

Cloud position σ^{\pm} Cloud size/Temp MCP Position cal \hat{x} -OP alignment E field

	$oldsymbol{B}_{ u}$	Improvements	Projected
=	1.3	$\pm 500 \mu$ m $ ightarrow \pm 20 \mu$ m	0.05
	0.3	""	0.03
	1.0	DLA+ mask	\leq 0.1
	0.25	Geometry is \perp	\leq 0.02
	0.2		\leq 0.1

• Any stray polarization along wrong axis is deadly, a lowest-order fake D: Measure with singles asymmetry for recoils and β 's

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Isospin-breaking time

Motivation for Analog-antianalog mixing

N. Auerbach, B.M. Loc arXiv:2101.06199v3

Coulomb corrections Fermi β decay

• $A-\overline{A}$ mixing (T > 1: only T=2 0⁺ for V_{ud} are affected)

 $\delta_{C}[A\bar{A}]$ can be a few %.

They consider nuclei with the excess neutrons occupying orbits in different major shells, with relatively small isospin.

 $A\overline{A}$ mixing explains isospin-forbidden particle decays, Γ_A : A a well-defined single resonance.

Fragmentation of \overline{A} is usually greater, but...

HO estimate: $\langle \bar{A} | V_C | A \rangle = 0.35 \frac{\sqrt{n_1 n_2}}{2T} \frac{Z}{A^{2/3}}$ MeV ⁸⁸Sr 250 keV Skyrme interactions \Rightarrow 250 to 310 ⁷¹As 300 28 ± 4 Severiins PRC 71 064310 2005 Fragmented \overline{A} ⁵⁶Co 160 2.9±0.5 Markey PRC 26 287R 1982 Fragmented A ⁴⁵K ? Ā fragmented like 71As? 200 Ā might be one state! 🙂 47K 190 A=32 T=2 $A \delta_C$ = 1-2% Melconian PRL 107 182301 2011 $\delta_{c}=0.25\%$



 $^{47}_{20}Ca_{27}$

The analog is:

$$\begin{split} |A\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2T}} \Big[\sqrt{n_1} \left| j_1^{n_1-1}(n) j_1(p) j_2^{n_2}(n) \right\rangle \\ &+ \sqrt{n_2} \left| j_1^{n_1}(n) j_2^{n_2-1}(n) j_2(p) \right\rangle \Big] \end{split}$$

The anti-analog $|\bar{A}\rangle$ is then:

$$\begin{split} |\bar{A}\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2T}} \Big[\sqrt{n_2} \left| j_1^{n_1-1}(n) j_1(p) j_2^{n_2}(n) \right\rangle \\ &- \sqrt{n_1} \left| j_1^{n_1}(n) j_2^{n_2-1}(n) j_2(p) \right\rangle \Big]. \end{split}$$





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$$A_{\text{recoil}} \propto A_{\beta} + B_{\nu}$$
 $A_{\text{recoil}} \stackrel{p_{\text{recoil}} \gg m_{\beta}}{\rightarrow} 5/8(A_{\beta} + B_{\nu})$
• 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

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A _{recoil}	Un	cert	ainti	es*1	00
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Melconian PLB 649 270 (2007)	$oldsymbol{B}_{ u}$	Improvements	Projected
Polarization	0.8	$oldsymbol{B}_{ot}, \sigma^{\pm}$	0.05
Cloud position	1.3	500 μ m $ ightarrow$ 20 μ m	0.05
Cloud size/Temp	0.3	66 99	0.03
MCP Position cal	1.0	DLA+ mask	\leq 0.1
E field	0.2	Data at 2 fields	\leq 0.1

We measured $A_T=0.015(29)(19)$ for G-T decay of ^{80}Rb see Pitcairn PRC 79 015501 (2009)





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• Angular correlations of β^+ and ν are determined by their helicities (and angular momentum conservation)

We want to improve our A_{β} measurement in ³⁷K decay (and A_{recoil} , a_{pol}) to ask: is parity completely broken ? \leftrightarrow leptons left-handed?, antileptons right-handed?

We plan the most direct ν helicity measurements since BNL 1957

• ν spectrum from fission product ⁹²Rb

• \mathcal{T} in $p_{\gamma} \cdot p_{\beta} imes p_{\nu}$ would be unique in first generation

• Measuring isospin in ^{47,45}K will measure antianalog configuration purity and determine sensitivity to parity-even isospin \mathcal{T} interactions via $D\vec{l} \cdot \vec{v_{\beta}} \times \vec{v_{\nu}}$

 $p_{37\text{Ar}}$: uniform \vec{E} , MCP for TOF and position p_{β} : from $\delta E + E$ $\rightarrow p_{\nu}$ event-by-event Spin-polarized ³⁷K 99.1±0.1% Our ν 's must have $m_{\nu} < 5$ MeV

Entanglement? \rightarrow

entanglement ? consider EC decay in an atom trap next to SNO+

 $\mathrm{SNO^{+}} \leftarrow \nu^{-131}\mathrm{Cs}^{-131}\mathrm{Xe^{+}}
ightarrow \mathrm{MCP}$

Given:

• Cohen Glashow Ligeti PLB 678 191 (2009): ψ_f has ν_e mass eigenstates entangled with ψ_{131Xe} to keep E and p conserved

• Formaggio Kaiser Murskyj WeissPRL 117 050402 (2016)

u oscillations show Leggett-Garg inequality

• Kayser Kopp Robertson Vogel PRD 82 093003 (2010): recovered the standard oscillation relation between path length, E_{ν} , and m_{ν}

It is simple to sweep the electric field collecting the ¹³¹Xe to change detection t over the range of t's of SM ν_e oscillations to cover the normal (or inverted) hierarchy i.e.

10^{-4} or 10^{-2} eV^2 ightarrow 10^4 or 10² m ightarrow 300 μ s or 3 μ s

? Does this cause some kind of Leggett-Garg inequality or delayed-choice experiment?

WTRIUMF Final-state (false) D



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 full calculation, but should be OK

For ⁵⁶Co final-state E_1 =0.0002 (Calaprice 1977)

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 A tight constraint on exchange of new TeV-scale bosons

Q_==6.14746(20)

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³⁷K: TAMU *Ft* progress: recoil-order corrections status

 $\frac{3/2^{+} \quad 0.02(1)}{5/2^{+} \quad 1.93(33)}$ $\frac{7/2^{-}}{1/2^{+}} \quad \frac{25 \text{ ppm}}{42 \text{ ppm}}$ $3/2^{+} \quad 97.99(14)$ $\frac{3^{7}\text{A r}}{7}$

 $\mathcal{F}t$ (Shidling PRC 2014) = 4576 ± 8 s Ozmetin et al. TAMU Branch to 5/2⁺ improved \rightarrow PRELIM 4585±4 s \sim 0.0005 for V_{ud} from A_{recoil} becomes possible

 $CVC \Rightarrow most important$ corrections: $\mu \Rightarrow \boldsymbol{b}_{WM}$ (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 ³⁷K A_{β} agrees with Haven Young arXiv:2009.11364



DFT with extra isospin-breaking QCD isovector interactions tuned to fix Nolen-Schiffer anomaly in mirror masses differs from Towner 2008 for ³⁷K β decay



 σ^{-}

Stern Family of National Photocolor



70nm Au + 4μ Kapton 5λ flatness

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3	3	10	8	2
2	2	7	6	1
1	2	11	5	0
2	0.5	3	2	1
1	1	4	3	0
0.5	3	2	7	0.5
0.1	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.1
0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0
5	5	17	14	2.5
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Patient undergrads lead most of these improvements

PCTFE viewport seals

- Lower-frequency AC-MOT
- Double OP power: fight
- Larmor precession
- Better spin flips TnLC
- 2x more photoionizing light
- Uncertainty $\propto (1 P)$

TRIUMF $A_{
m recoil} \propto A_eta$ + $B_
u$ in 37 K decay



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see ⁸⁰Rb Pitcairn PRC09 $A_T = 0.015(29)(19)$





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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
- Uncertainty budget for A_{β} :

Items with \dagger are related to β scattering.

Isospin-breaking time	entanglement?		xti	as
$\boldsymbol{A}_{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$ Systematics	ΔA_{eta}	imes 10 ⁻⁴	Proj	
Background (Correction 1.001	4 1.0000)	8	0	
β scattering [†] (Correction 1.02	.34 <mark>1.01</mark>)	7	3	
Trap Position (typ. $\leq \pm 20 \mu { m m}$)	4	2	
Sail velocity (typ. $\leq \pm 30$	μ m/ms)	5	3	
Temperature (typ. \leq 0.2r	nK) & width	1	0.7	
BB1 Radius [†] 15 ^{+3.5} mm		4	4	
Energy agreement (3σ \leftarrow	$ ightarrow$ 5 σ)	2	2	
threshold ($60 \leftrightarrow 40 \text{ keV}$)		1	1	
Scintillator threshold (0.4 \leftrightarrow ⁻	I.0 MeV)	0.3	0.3	
Shakeoff electron t.o.f. region		3	1	
SiC mirror thickness † ($\pm 6\mu$	m)	1	0	
Be window thickness [†] (\pm 23	$B\mu m$)	0.9	0.9	
BB1 thickness $^{\dagger}~(\pm 5 \mu { m m})$		0.1	0.1	
Scintillator or summed [†]		1	1	
Scintillator calibration (± 0.4 cl	n/keV)	0.1	0.1	
Total systematics		12	7	
Statistics		13	6	
Polarization		5	2	
Total uncertainty		18	8	24/17

TRIUME Still no wrong-handed ν 's \mathfrak{Q} TRIUME



Extra W' with heavier mass. couples to wrong-handed ν_{B} We can evade TWIST limits by assuming the muon ν_B is heavy LHC $M'_{W} > 3.7 \text{ TeV}$ 90% our result does imply $q_B > 8q_L$ for

a 4 TeV W'

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What elements can be laser cooled?



®TRIUMF TRIumf Neutral Atom trap at ISAC





main TRIUMF cyclotron 'world's largest' 500 MeV H⁻ (0.5 Tesla)



RIUMF TRINAT plan view

- Isotope/Isomer selective Avoid untrapped atom background with 2nd trap
- 75% transfer

• 0.7 mm cloud for β -Ar⁺ $\rightarrow \nu$ momentum



 \bullet Spin-polarized 99.1 $\pm0.1\%$

Isospin-breaking time

Neutralizer and Collection trap





intro parity and ν 's Isospin-breaking time **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 $\rightarrow d$ would be 2nd-class

• "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). (Feynman called the quantum # needed 'smell'.) This scenario constrained by non-beta decay.

 \uparrow A strongly interacting dark sector? Complementary to other nuclear β 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 $au^-
ightarrow \omega \pi^-
u_ au$



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CTRIUMF D sensitivity

Extrapolating from Melconian PLB 649 270 (2007) and realizing β^- decay always makes a charged recoil, we estimate 3 weeks for D to \approx 0.001 for ⁴⁵K from TiC or ⁴⁷K from UCx.

Given E_1 = -0.01 \pm 0.02 in ⁵⁶Co and a limit on D about 20x better:



⁴⁷K ⁵⁶Co ⁴⁵K exp. |*M*_{GT}| 0.0034 0.30 0.11 $\sqrt{2T}$ $\sqrt{7}$ 3 2 v for ⁵⁶Co -0.13 ± 0.02 for 50keV/10 MeV, $|M_{F}|=0.005\sqrt{2T}$ 0.045 0.12 \Rightarrow y= Then for $\langle \bar{A} | V_C | A \rangle = 50 \text{ keV}$ we would get 20x better sensitivity to \mathcal{T} phase α and similar sensitivity to V_{τ} for ⁴⁵K vs. ⁵⁶Co (and a factor of 3 poorer for ⁴⁷K because of $|M_{GT}|$) True sensitivity will be determined by our measurements of $\langle \bar{A} | V_C | A \rangle = 50 \text{ keV}$ Since we are sensitive to isovector and isotensor \mathcal{T} parameters (and possible spin dependence) a measurement at similar sensitivity becomes complementary