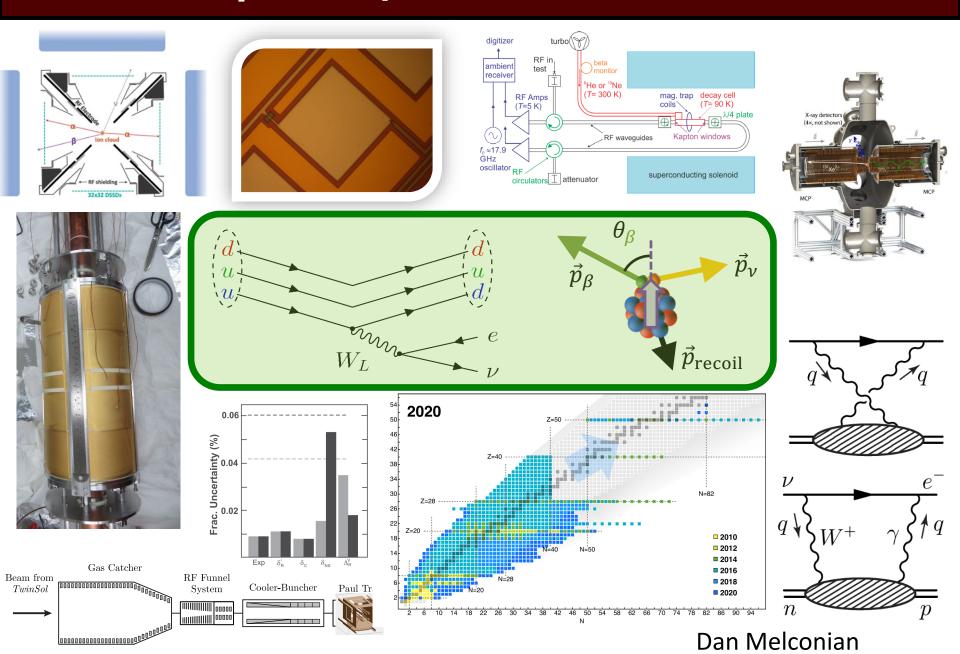
Precision β -decay measurements in nuclei



Outline

- Not at all dissimilar from what was said at the Town Hall Meetings last fall
- Resulting
 White Paper is
 7 pages of
 awesome
 physics (5 pgs
 of citations)

Nuclear β decay as a probe for physics beyond the Standard Model

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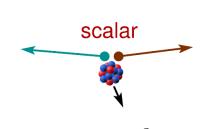
In case I run out of time (which I will...)

- Start with the White Paper recommendations:
 - * Experimental + theoretical alliance for V_{ud} and CKM unitarity
 - Investing in small- and mid-scale projects
 - Establishing support for nuclear theory
 - Developing cutting-edge techniques
 - Promote diverse and inclusive environment, and better support for students
- Thanks for input (apologies to all)
 - Maxime Brodeur, Drew Byron, Jason Clark, Leendert Hayen, Kyle Leach, Charlie Rasco, Matt Redshaw, Nick Scielzo, Chien Yeah Seng, Louis Varrian, and everyone on the nuclear β decay White Paper

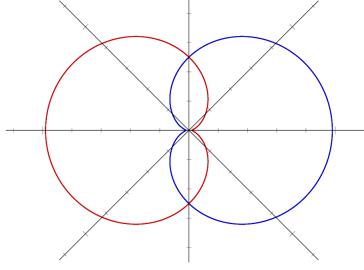
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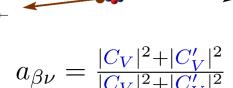
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$$dW = dW_0 \left[1 + a \frac{\vec{p}_{\beta} \cdot \vec{p}_{\nu}}{E_{\beta} E_{\nu}} + b \frac{\Gamma m_e}{E_{\beta}} + \frac{\langle \vec{I} \rangle}{I} \cdot \left(A_{\beta} \frac{\vec{p}_{\beta}}{E_{\beta}} + B_{\nu} \frac{\vec{p}_{\nu}}{E_{\nu}} + D \frac{\vec{p}_{\beta} \times \vec{p}_{\nu}}{E_{\beta} E_{\nu}} \right) + \cdots \right]$$



$$a_{\beta\nu} = \frac{-|C_S|^2 - |C_S'|^2}{|C_S|^2 + |C_S'|^2}$$





vector

$$a_{\beta\nu} = \frac{|C_V|^2 + |C_V'|^2 - |C_S|^2 - |C_S'|^2}{|C_V|^2 + |C_V'|^2 + |C_S'|^2 + |C_S'|^2} = 1??$$

$$b = \frac{-2\Re e(C_S^*C_V + C_S'^*C_V')}{|C_V|^2 + |C_V'|^2 + |C_S|^2 + |C_S'|^2} = 0??$$

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Comparative half-life:

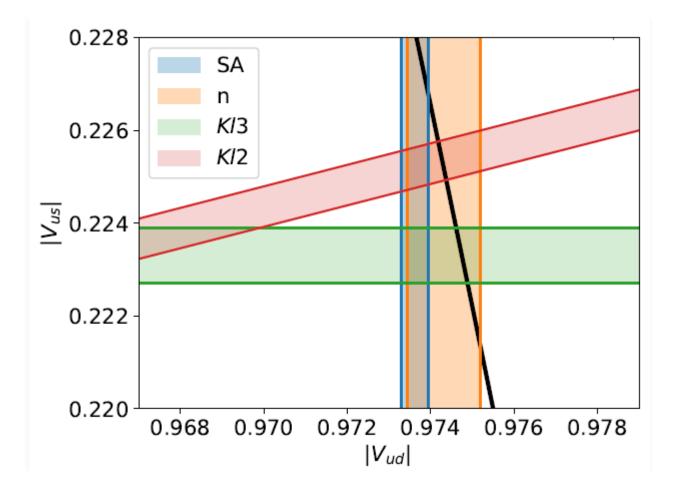
comparative nair-life:
$$f=\int F(Z',E)C(E)pE(E-E_0)^2dE\sim Q^5$$
 and
$$t=\frac{t_{1/2}}{\mathrm{Br}}(1+P_{\mathrm{EC}})$$

$$Ft \equiv ft(1 + \delta'_R)(1 + \delta_{NS} - \delta_C)$$
$$= \frac{K/G_F^2}{|V_{ud}|^2 M_F^2 (1 + \Delta_R^V)}$$

CKM Unitarity

There are currently indications of non-unitarity at a few

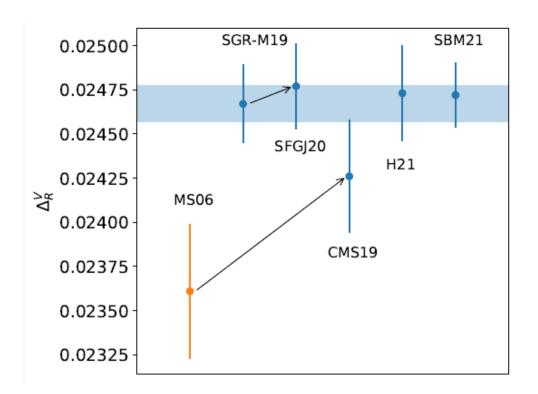
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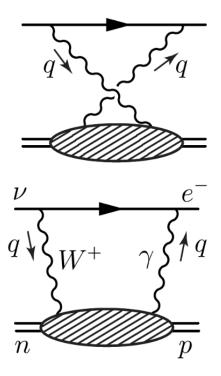


$$V_{ud}^2 + V_{us}^2 + V_{ub}^2 = 0.9982(6)$$

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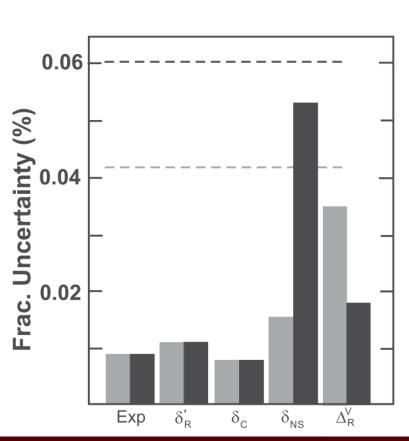




Smaller uncertainty and a shift

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 - Now the (by far) dominant theoretical uncertainty
 - Rigorous theory framework based on dispersion relation to compute the NS effects (2211.10214)
 - *New collaborations are formed to compute $\delta_{\rm NS}$ with ab-initio methods for light nuclei



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- New connections are found between experimental measurements of charge radii and the isospin breaking correction, δ_C (2208.03037, 2304.03800)

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Electroweak nuclear radii constrain the isospin breaking correction to V_{ud}

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We lay out a novel formalism to connect the isospin-symmetry breaking correction to the rates of superallowed nuclear beta decays, δ_C , to the isospin-breaking sensitive combinations of electroweak nuclear radii that can be accessed experimentally. We individuate transitions in the superallowed decay chart where a measurement of the neutron skin of a stable daughter even at a moderate precision could already help discriminating between models used to compute δ_C . We review the existing experimental situation and make connection to the existing and future experimental programs.

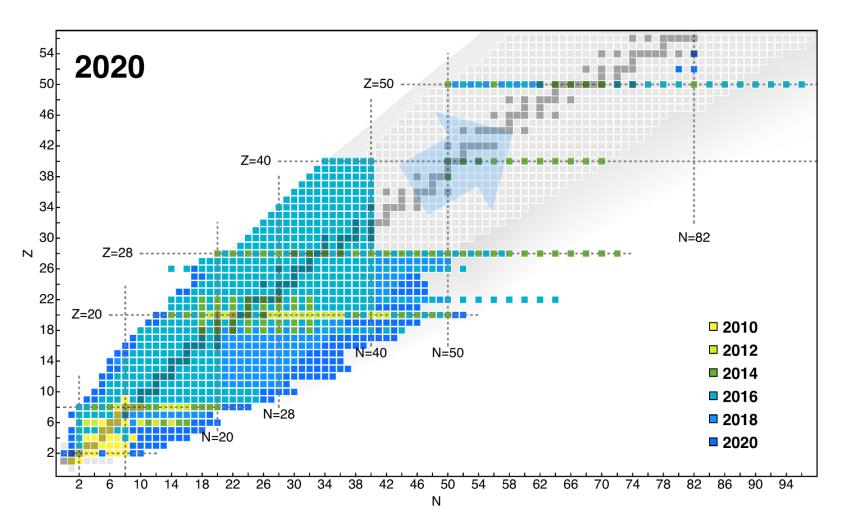
Towards ab-initio nuclear theory calculations of $\delta_{\rm C}$

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We propose a new theory framework to study the isospin-symmetry breaking correction δ_C in superallowed nuclear beta decays, crucial for the precise determination of $|V_{ud}|$. Based on a general assumptions of the isovector dominance in ISB interactions, we construct a set of functions F_{Tz} which involve nuclear matrix elements of isovector monopole operators and the nuclear Green's function. Via the functions F_{T_c} , a connection of δ_C to measurable electroweak nuclear radii is established, providing an experimental gauge of the theory accuracy of $\delta_{\rm C}$. We outline a strategy to perform ab-initio calculations of F_{T_z} based on the Lanczos algorithm, and discuss its similarity with other nuclear-structure-dependent inputs in nuclear beta decays.

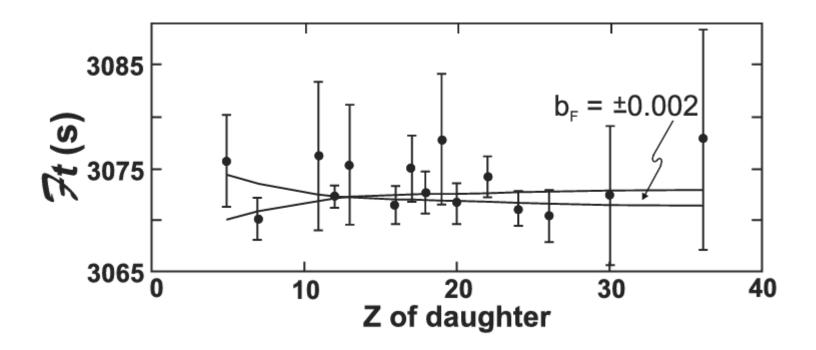
Ab initio nuclear theory

Amazing progress in just 10 years!!



H. Hergert, Frontiers in Physics (2020)

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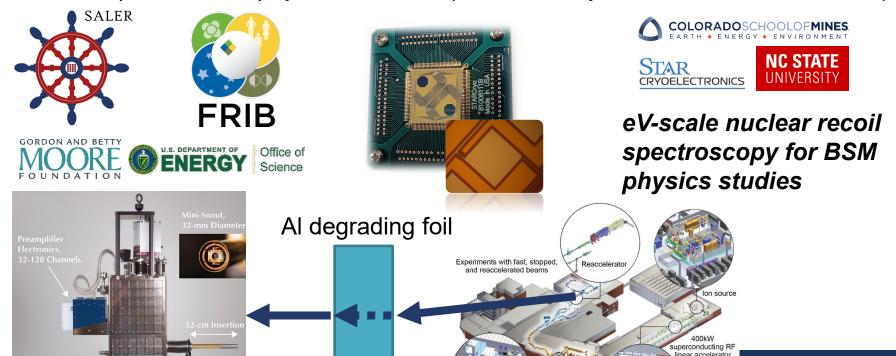


Hardy and Towner's last survey PRC **102**, 045501 (2020)

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SALER: Superconducting Array for Low-Energy Radiation

Direct implantation and measurement of eV-scale radiation from short-lived ($T_{1/2} > 1$ ms) rare isotopes for BSM physics searches (CKM unitarity, exotic weak currents, etc.)



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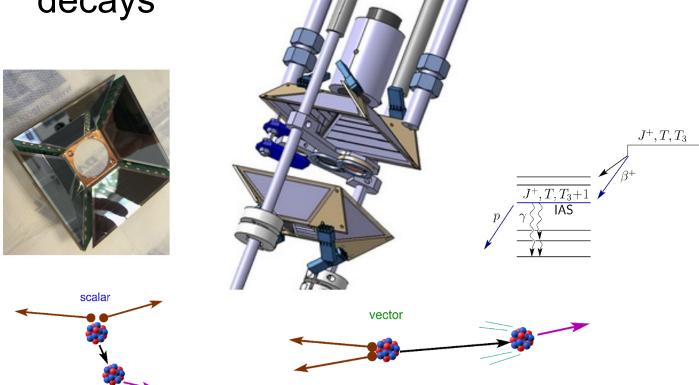
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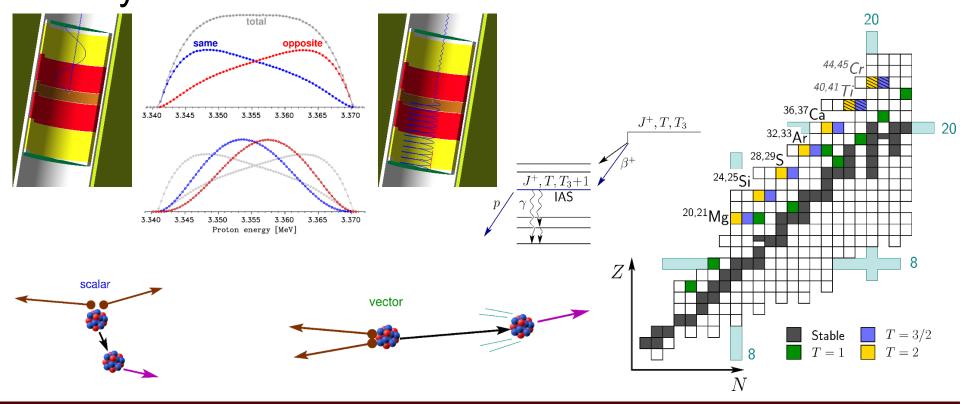
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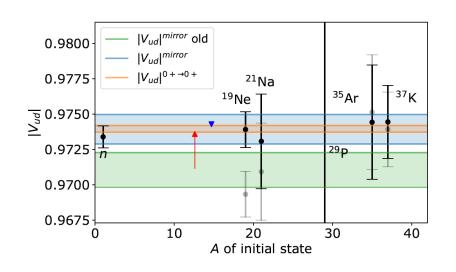


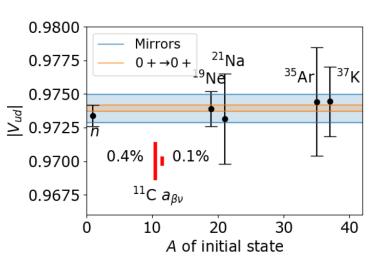
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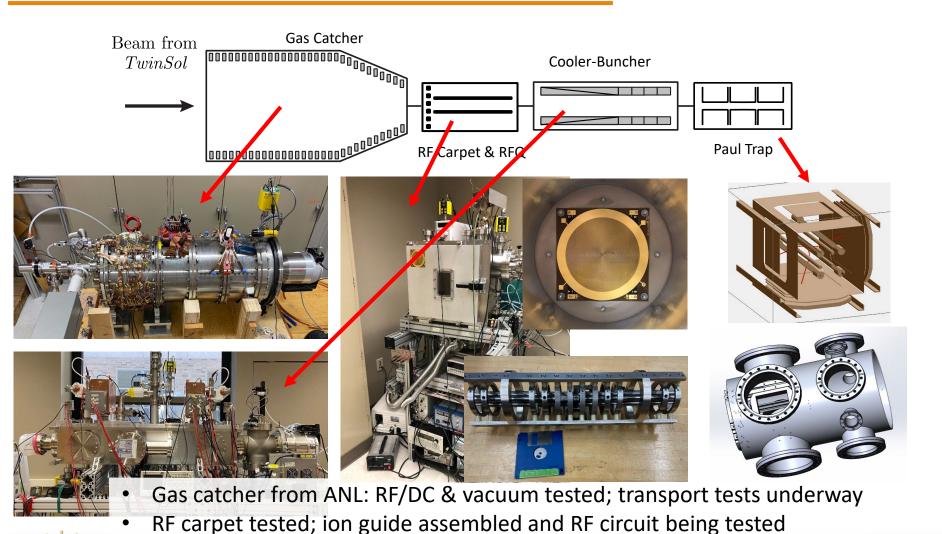
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Superallowed Transisiton Beta-Neutrino Decay Ion Coincidence Trap (St. Benedict)



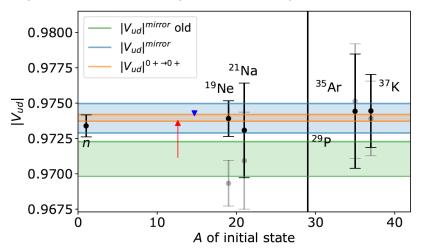


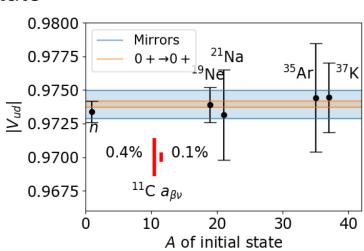


Paul trap has been simulated and manufactured



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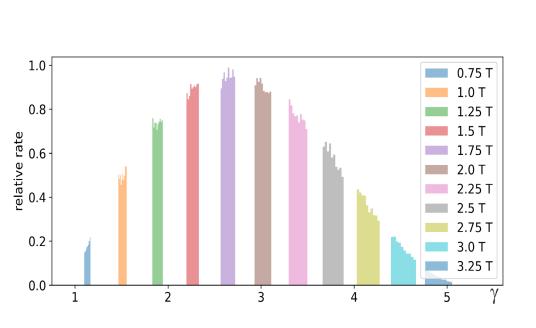
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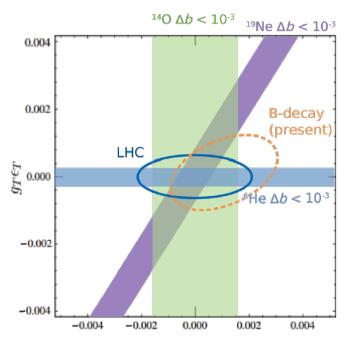
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Searches for Scalar/Tensor currents

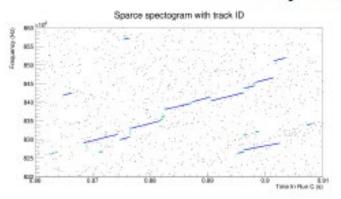
- Most sensitive probe is b_{Fierz} linear in exotic couplings
- Cyclotron radiation emission spectroscopy (He6-CRES)
 - ** ⁶He (GT), ¹⁹Ne (F/GT) and ¹⁴O (F); β^{\pm} opposite sign in $b_{\rm Fierz}$
 - Much larger bandwidth needed compared to Project 8
 - * Other challenges: other modes, harmonics, wall effects

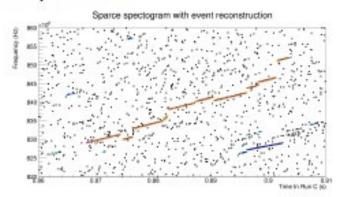




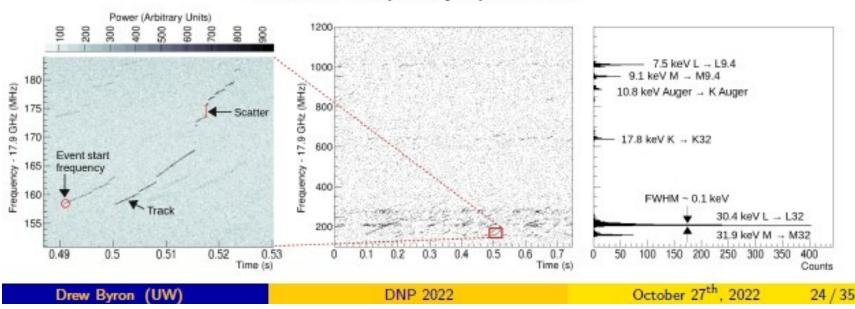
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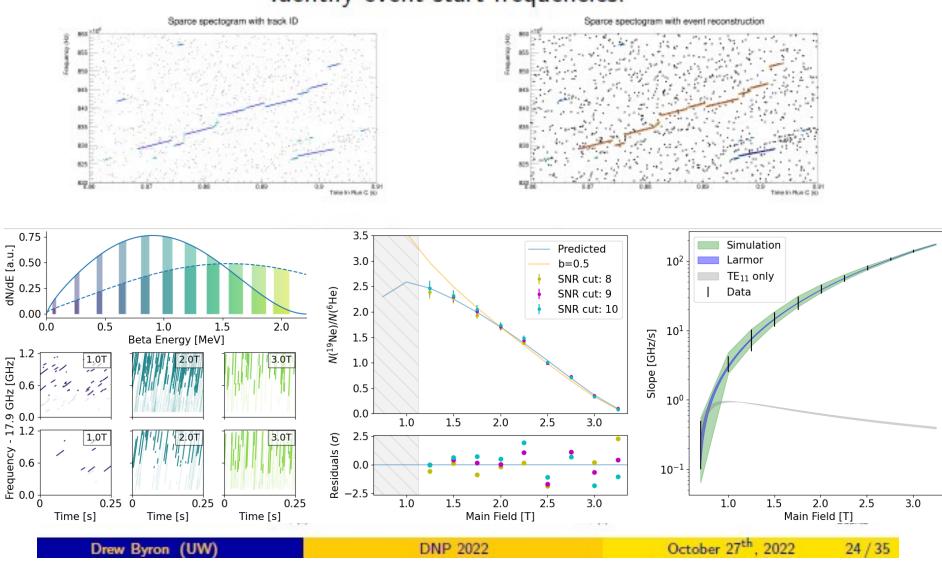


Build a frequency spectrum.



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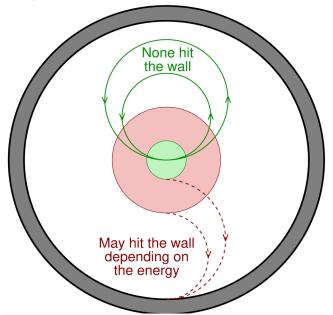
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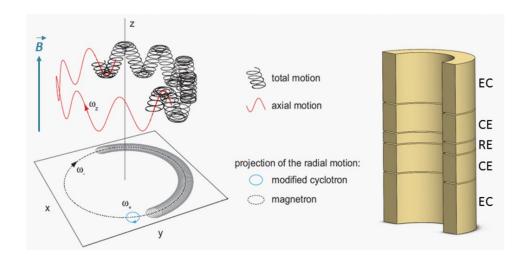
Ion trap + CRES

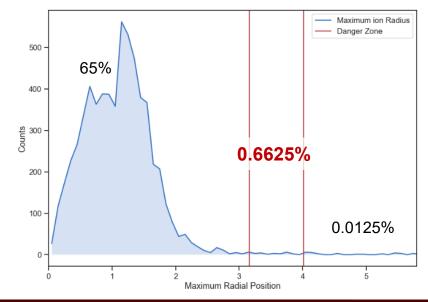
Wall effects expected to be a limiting systematic

Largest and smallest electron orbits at 2 T



Simulations indicate the rf signal not degraded, and rates should be high enough

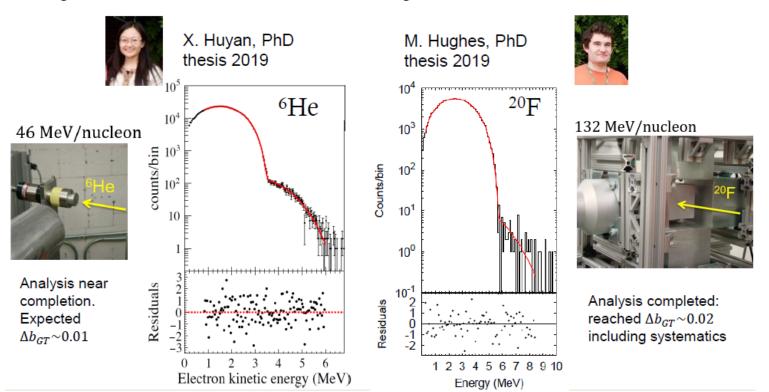




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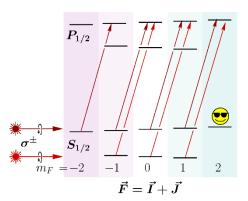
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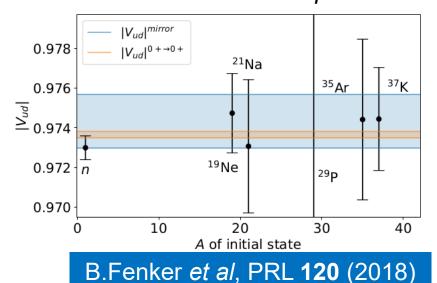
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High nuclear polarization



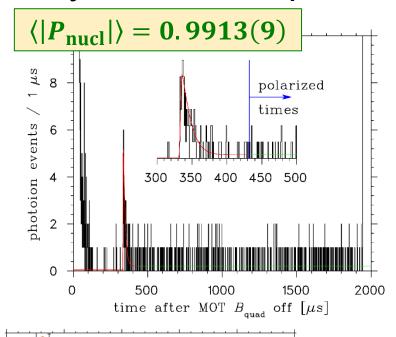
B.Fenker *et al*, New J. Phys. **18** (2016)

* Physics result: A_{β} to 0.3%



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Total β kinetic energy [MeV]



 $G4 A_{R}$ only

G4 A, & Fierz

-0.45

-0.50

-0.55

-0.60

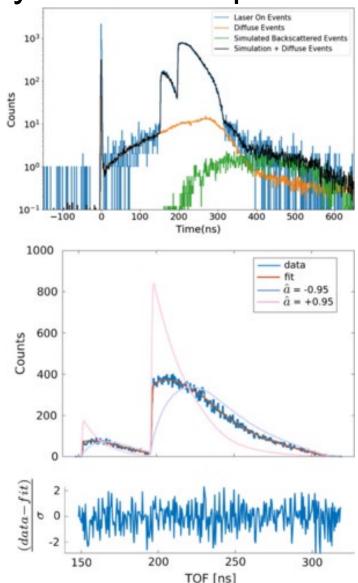
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 - * < 0.1% within reach!
- ⁶He at CENPA in collaboration with ANL
 - Recently published result:

$$\tilde{a} = -0.3268(46)(41)$$

 $\Leftrightarrow 0.007 \le |C_T/C_A| \le 0.111 (90\% CL)$

Muller et al., PRL 129, 182502 (2022)



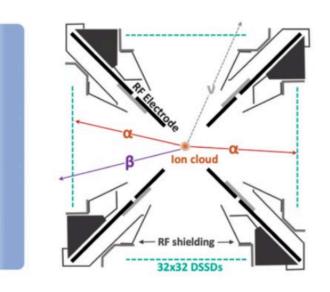
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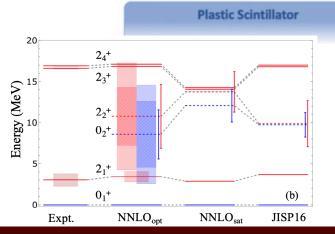
* β - α - α coincidence M.T. Burkey *et al.*, PRL **128**, 202502 (2022)

TABLE I. Summary of dominant systematic corrections and uncertainties, listed at 1σ .

Source		Correction	Uncertainty
Theory	Intruder state (added linearly)	+0.0005	0.0005
Experiment	Recoil and radiative terms α -energy calibration Detector line shape Data cuts β scattering		0.0015 0.0007 0.0009 0.0009 0.0010
Total		+0.0005	0.0028

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	j_2/A^2c_0	j_3/A^2c_0	d/Ac_0	b/Ac_0
2_{1}^{+}	-956 ± 37	-1547 ± 42	10.0 ± 1.0	6.0 ± 0.4
$2_2^+(\mathrm{new})$	-10 ± 10	-80 ± 30	-0.5 ± 0.5	3.7 ± 0.4
2_3^+ (doublet 1)	12 ± 5	-60 ± 15	0.3 ± 0.2	3.8 ± 0.2
$2_4^+(\operatorname{doublet} 2)$	11 ± 3	-65 ± 11	0.2 ± 0.2	3.8 ± 0.2

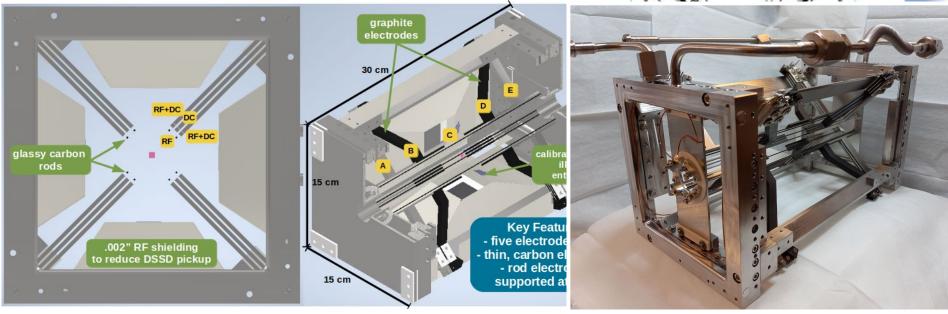




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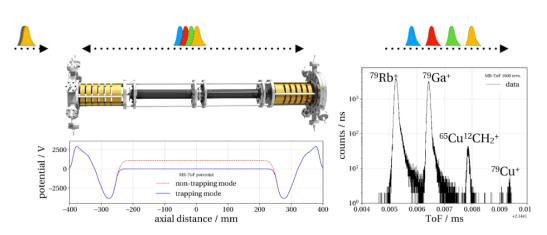
Mass measurements with Penning traps

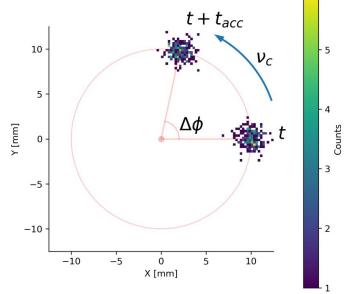
- TOF-ICR the workhorse for many years
- Phase-image ion-cyclotron-resonance (PI-ICR)

improves precision

* LEBIT, CPT (TITAN, JYFLTRAP, ...)

MR-TOF has really exploded in recent years; every major lab has one now





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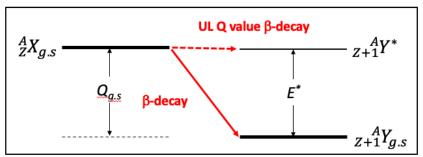
Ultra-low Q value measurements with CHIP-TRAP

Penning traps: Independent β -decay Q value from mass ratio of parent and daughter nuclides

$$Q_{g.s.} = (M_P - M_D)c^2 = (M_P - m_e)(1 - R)c^2$$

$$R = M_D^+/M_P^+$$

Ultra-low Q value β -decay: $Q_{UL} = Q_{g.s.} - E^* < 1 \text{ keV}$



More precise Q values needed to identify candidates

Some promising potential candidates

Isotope	Decay	Forbiddenness	Half-life	Q_{ES} (keV)
$^{136}\mathrm{Cs}$	β^-	Allowed	13 dy	3.7(19)
$^{188}\mathrm{W}$	β^-	Allowed	70 dy	-4.6(32)
$^{155}\mathrm{Eu}$	β^-	$1^{\rm st}$ Forbidden	5 yr	0.3(16)
$^{156}\mathrm{Eu}$	β^-	$1^{\rm st}$ Forbidden	$15 \mathrm{dy}$	1.0(37)
⁵⁶ Co	EC	Allowed	78 dy	4.76(55)
$^{97}{ m Tc}$	EC	Allowed	$4.2~\mathrm{Myr}$	-0.1(42)
$^{175}\mathrm{Hf}$	EC	Allowed	70 dy	1.0(26)
$^{81}{ m Kr}$	EC	1st Forbidden	229 kyr	3.2(15)
$^{146}\mathrm{Pm}$	EC	$1^{\rm st}$ Forbidden	6 yr	-0.3(45)
$^{157}\mathrm{Tb}$	EC	$1^{\rm st}$ Forbidden	71 yr	-2.3(14)
$^{173}\mathrm{Lu}$	EC	$1^{\rm st}$ Forbidden	$1.5~\mathrm{yr}$	1.0(18)
$^{183}\mathrm{Re}$	EC	$1^{\rm st}$ Forbidden	$70 \mathrm{dy}$	2.5(81)
$^{195}\mathrm{Au}$	EC	$1^{\rm st}$ Forbidden	186 dy	1.9(12)
¹⁴⁸ Eu	β^+	Allowed	55 dy	-15(10)
$^{105}\mathrm{Ag}$	β^+	$1^{\rm st}$ Forbidden	$41 \mathrm{dy}$	5.7(47)
$^{144}\mathrm{Pm}$	β^+	1^{st} Forbidden	1 yr	-4.8(32)
$^{146}\mathrm{Pm}$	β^+	$1^{\rm st}$ Forbidden	6 yr	-4.3(45)

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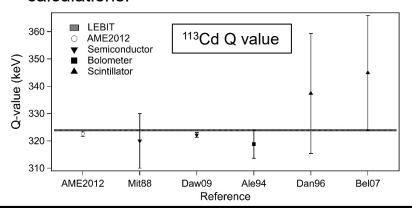
Q values for forbidden β -decays

High-precision β -spectra provide:

- Possibility to extract g_A via spectral shape method.
- Data for radionuclide metrology (applications in nuclear medicine and nuclear power).
- Improved knowledge of rare decays potential backgrounds in $0\nu\beta\beta$ and dark matter detectors.
- Improved data for testing theoretical calculations.

Penning trap Q values provide:

- Direct test of systematics via comparison of Q value and end point energy.
- Precise Q value for phase space factor calculations.



BSM with Rare-Isotope Doped Superconductors



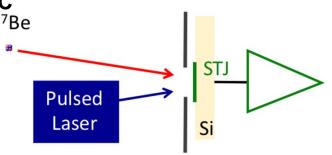


- Embedding radioactive atoms into superconducting tunnel junctions (STJs)
 - Measure eV-scale decay recoils
 - Search for keV MeV sterile neutrinos

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⁷Be implantation at TRIUMF-ISAC

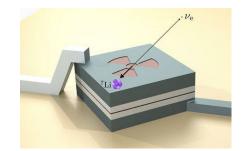






Ta, Al, and Nb-based STJ Sensors

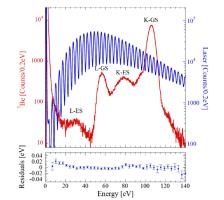


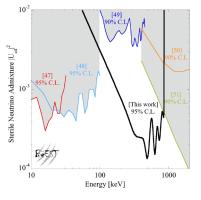












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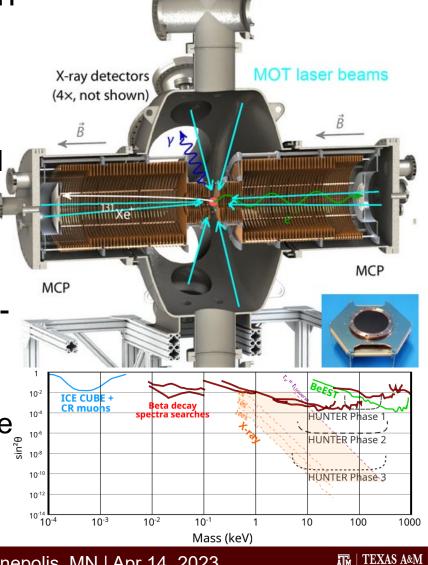
Heavy Unseen Neutrinos by Total Energy-momentum Reconstruction

* Kinematic reconstruction of m_{ν} in individual EC decays of ¹³¹Cs atoms at rest

Kinematic reconstruction - not an oscillation experiment. Measure all decay product momenta & reconstruct missing neutrino mass event-by-event

** 131Cs is at rest - held in a Magneto Optical Trap and laser cooled to
 20 µK

Reaction Ion Microscopes measure recoil nucleus and Auger electron directions & momenta with high efficiency & resolution 0.1-1%



Measuring β Transitions in Complex β Decays

Currently only β energy spectra of **very** simple β decays are studied

ORNL-LSU collab are developing the β-Spectrum Module (βSM) with ORNL's MTAS Detector

to measure entire β -energy spectra for each individual β -decay transition

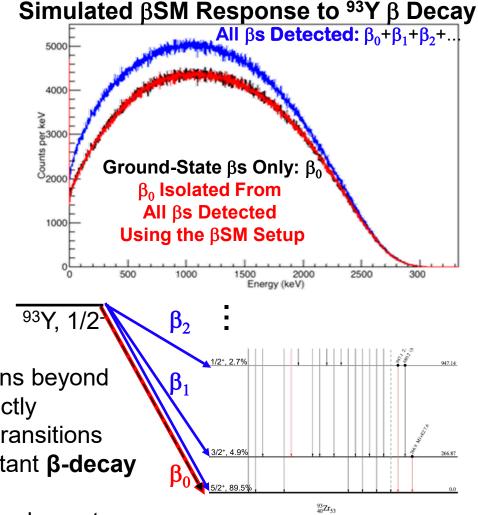
Isolate Individual β transitions with ~99% efficiency

Permits extraction of various allowed and 1^{st} -forbidden β shapes all from the same parent

•Improve reactor antineutrino flux predictions beyond the 5% level down to the ~1% level by directly measuring β -shape factors of individual β transitions

•Expand by hundreds the number of important β-decay shape factors that can be studied

- •Allows access to g_V and g_A, nuclear matrix elements
- •Can minimize systematics by measuring different β transitions from the same β -decaying parent



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Summary

Why are the next few years interesting:

- * Increased precision of V_{ud} could confirm CKM unitarity deficit
 - Precision of V_{ud} from neutron decay is gradually catching up. Comparisons between V_{ud} from different determinations could possibly unveil new anomalies.
 - It is possible for the first time to compute quantities such as $\delta_{\rm NS}$ and $\delta_{\rm C}$ with rigorously-quantified theory uncertainties
- Cutting-edge technologies opening up new opportunities for significant increase in precision for BSM searches and (sterile) neutrino searches (CRES, quantum sensors, traps, ...)

What might get accomplished during this LRP:

- Formation of a topical group (e.g. VudU, "Vud unitarity" alliance) to facilitate collaborations, especially between experiment and theory
- * Compute $\delta_{\rm NS}$ and $\delta_{\it C}$ with ab-initio methods for light and medium nuclei; improve recoil-order corrections
- Experimental programs maturing to reach 0.1% and beyond, and orders of magnitude on sterile neutrinos

Poised for great results to come out of this LRP

In case I run out of time (I didn't?!?!)

- Start and end with the White Paper recommendations:
 - * Experimental + theoretical alliance for V_{ud} and CKM unitarity
 - Investing in small- and mid-scale projects
 - Establishing support for nuclear theory
 - Developing cutting-edge techniques
 - Promote diverse and inclusive environment, and better support students
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