

Precision β spectroscopy & Beyond the Standard Model

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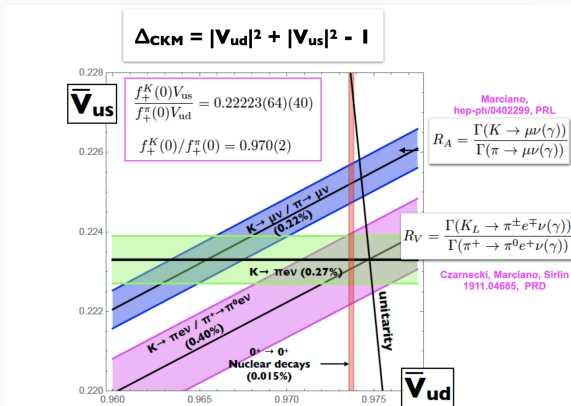
(nuclear) β decay, meson decay (π , K), $|V_{ub}|^2 \sim 10^{-5}$

Violations are sensitive to **TeV scale** new physics!

CKM unitarity: Current status

Signs of non-unitarity at few σ level...

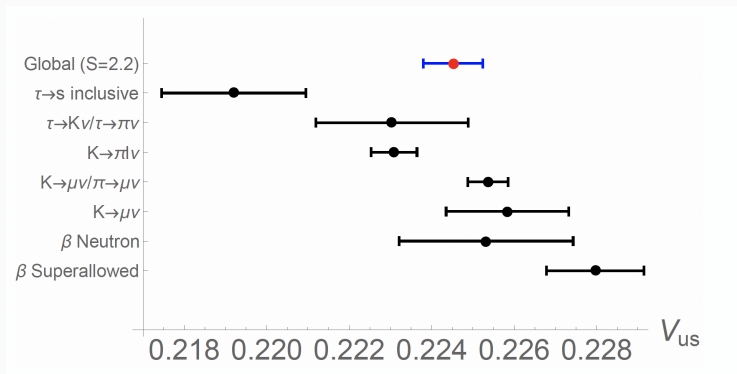
Disagreement between $KI2$ and $KI3$ $|V_{us}|$ 'Cabibbo angle anomaly'



Early signs of new physics? Lattice QCD artifacts?

CKM unitarity: Cabibbo Angle Anomaly

Things get even more interesting... (Falkowski CKM2021)



τ decays now precise enough to play a role

Cirigliano et al., 2112.02087

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All ϵ_i are proportional to $(M_W/\Lambda_{BSM})^2$, change kinematics

$\epsilon_i \lesssim 10^{-4} \rightarrow \Lambda_{BSM} \gtrsim 15 \text{ TeV}$ assuming natural couplings

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P	0.00018(17)	-0.00044(36)	-0.015(32)	-0.032(64)	1.7(2.5)	10.4(5.5)
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Takeaways assuming Standard Model physics:

- Most precise V_{ud} & V_{us} not consistent with unitarity
- Significant internal inconsistencies within V_{us}
- Taken at face value $\sim 3\sigma$ for new physics

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LH, A Young, 2009.11364

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→ treat initial and final states as 'elementary' particles and stuff all unknowns into **form factors**

$$F_{KL}(q^2)$$

with $q = p_f - p_i$ and continue analysis

Theory status: Unified approach

Hard work from Behrens-Bühning, Holstein, ...

Item	Effect	Formula	Magnitude
1	Phase space factor	$pW(W_0 - W)^2$	Unity or larger
2	Traditional Fermi function	F_0	
3	Finite size of the nucleus	L_0	10^{-1} - 10^{-2}
4	Radiative corrections	R	
5	Shape factor	C	
6	Atomic exchange	X	
7	Atomic mismatch	r	

Analytical β spectrum shape

Item	Effect	Formula	Magnitude
8	Atomic screening	S	
9	Shake-up	See 7	
10	Shake-off	See 7	
11	Isovector correction	C_I	
12	Recoil Coulomb correction	Q	10^{-3} - 10^{-4}
13	Diffuse nuclear surface	U	
14	Nuclear deformation	D_{FS}	
15	Recoiling nucleus	R_N	
16	Molecular screening	ΔS_{Mol}	
17	Molecular exchange	Case by case	

Pretty well understood

LH et al., RMP 90 (2018) 015008

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Fill in typical numbers to obtain shape factor corrections

Matrix element	Name	Slope (% MeV ⁻¹)
b	Weak Magnetism	0.5
d	Induced Tensor	0.1
Λ	Induced Pseudoscalar	0.1

Relative effects larger for cancellations in correlations

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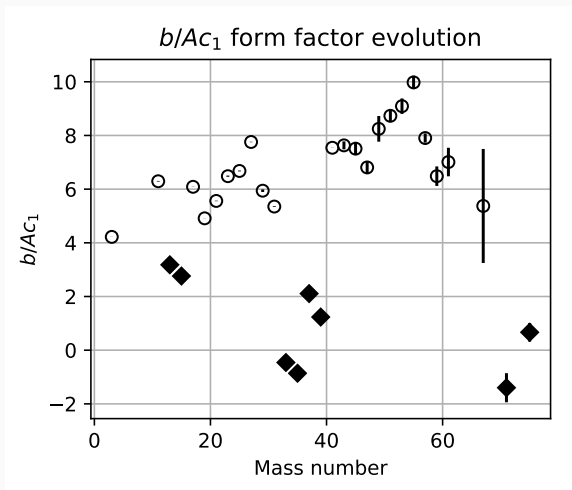
Weak magnetism known from symmetry

$$b_{CVC} = \pm A \sqrt{\frac{J+1}{J}} (\mu_f - \mu_i) \longleftrightarrow b_{SM} = A(g_M \mathcal{M}_{GT} + g_V \mathcal{M}_L)$$

where μ are **magnetic** moments, \mathcal{M}_i matrix elements

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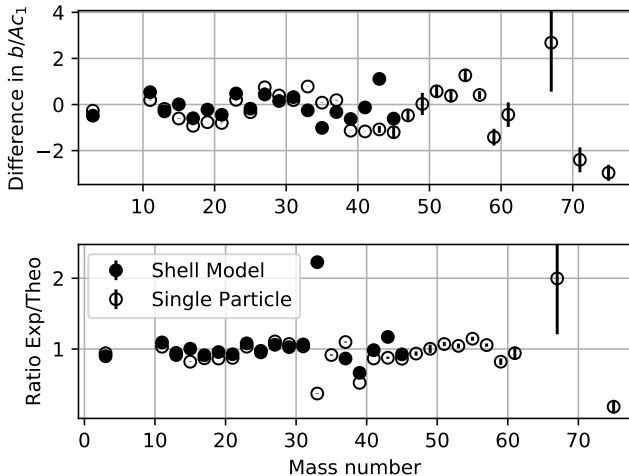
Major compilation effort (Severijns, LH, et al., 2109.08895)



Just part of data set; open: $l + 1/2$, closed: $l - 1/2$

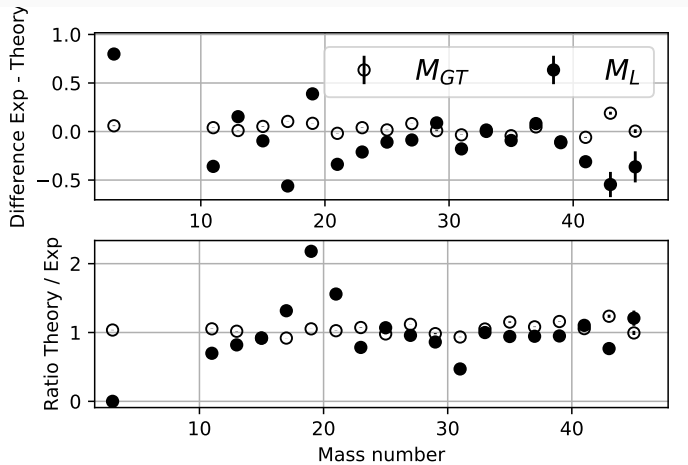
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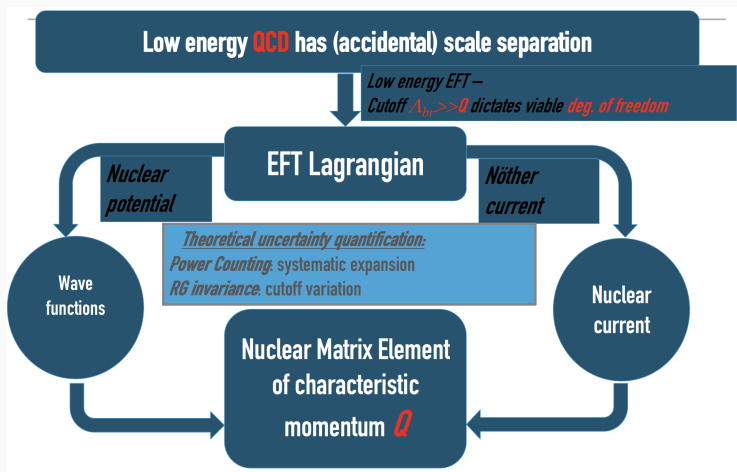
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'Easy' matrix elements only accurate to 10-20%

Quantifiable uncertainty: effective field theory

Modern approaches use (chiral) effective field theory



Quantifiable uncertainty: expansion parameters

Can define a number of small parameters for expansion

Small parameter #1: $\epsilon_q = \frac{qR}{\hbar c} \approx 10^{-2}$ - multipole expansion

Small parameter #2: $\epsilon_{EFT} \approx 0.1 - 0.3$ - systematic uncertainty in the nuclear model.

Small parameter #3: $\epsilon_{NR} = \frac{P_{nucleon}}{M} \approx 0.05 - 0.2$ Non-relativistic expansion of currents.

Small parameter #4: $\epsilon_{recoil} = \frac{q}{M} \approx 0.002$ nucleon recoil.

Small parameter #5: $\epsilon_{\pi} = \frac{\omega q}{m_{\pi}^2} \approx 10^{-4}$ Pseudo-scalar poles.

Small parameter #6: $\epsilon_{\alpha} = \alpha Z_f \approx 10^{-2} - 1$ Coulomb corrections.

Small parameter #7: ϵ_{Model} is related to the implementation of the Nuclear Model

Small parameter #8: ϵ_{solver} numerical error in the solution of the Schrödinger equation

For precision beta decays, at least the leading correction need to be calculated explicitly to reach experimental sensitivity.

Quantifiable uncertainty: Effective field theory

▶ EFT expansion parameter $\epsilon_{EFT} \propto \frac{\max(q, Q, \dots)}{M_{br}} \approx \frac{1}{10} - \frac{1}{3}$:

▶ Breakdown scale in chiral EFT is about $4\pi f_\pi \approx 1 \text{ GeV}/c$

▶ Order by order expansion of the currents:

$$J_{SM} = J^{LO} + \epsilon_{EFT} \cdot J^{NLO} + \epsilon_{EFT}^a J^{N^a LO} \text{ with } a > 1$$

▶ **LO** – single nucleon current

▶ **NLO** – corrections to single nucleon currents

▶ **NLO** or **higher orders** include 2-body currents (magnetic – *NLO*, weak axial – $N^{7/4 \div 3} LO$)

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To get predictive results, substitute FF for NME at N^X LO

Strong push by **Jerusalem group**

Beta spectrum of unique first-forbidden decays as a novel test for fundamental symmetries

Ayala Glick-Magid^a, Yonatan Mishnayot^{a,b,c}, Ish Mukul^b, Michael Hass^b, Sergey Vaintraub^c, Guy Ron^a, Doron Gazit^{a,*}

A formalism to assess the accuracy of nuclear-structure weak interaction effects in precision β -decay studies

Ayala Glick-Magid¹ and Doron Gazit^{1,*}

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Low energy QCD has (accidental) scale separation

Low energy EFT –

Cutoff $\Lambda \gg Q$ dictates viable *deg. of freedom*

Matrix element accuracy: $\epsilon_{\text{solver}} (1 + \alpha \epsilon_{\text{EFT}} + \beta \epsilon_{\text{EFT}}^2 + \gamma \epsilon_{\text{EFT}}^3 + \dots)$

40%	20%	5%
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With α : from basic nuclear correlations – your favorite many body technic

β : including nuclear correlations ab-initio.

γ : a state of the art nuclear calculation, including 3NF, 2BC

Accuracy significantly increased for light nuclei.

of characteristic
momentum Q

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Second class interactions and the electron-neutrino correlation in nuclear beta decay*

Frank P. Calaprice[†]

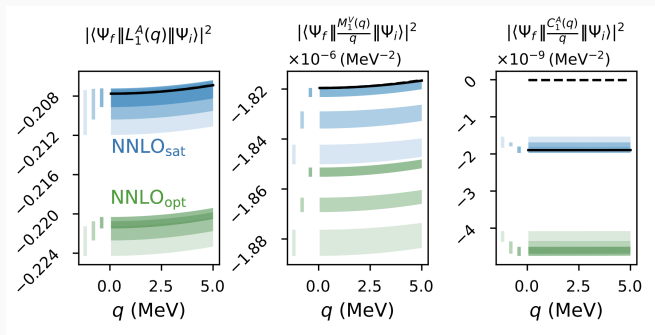
Department of Physics, Joseph Henry Laboratories, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey 08540

(Received 12 August 1975)

Theory: $d = 2.4(?) \leftrightarrow$ Experiment $d = 33(25) \dots$

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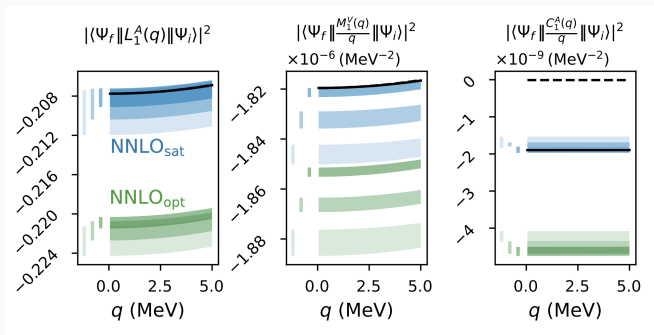
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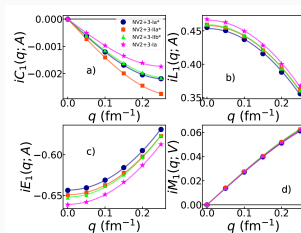
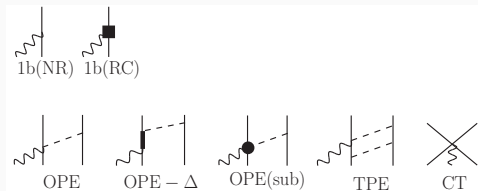


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Promising, but **but no 2 body currents**

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Variational & Green's function Monte Carlo study **with 2 body currents** (with King, Pastore, et al.)



4 different models, very good agreement with CVC for weak magnetism ($\lesssim 1\%$)

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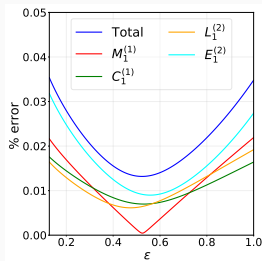
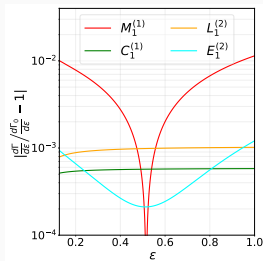


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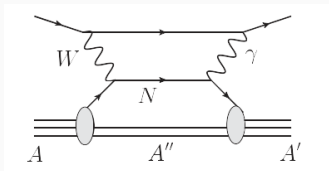
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But in last years, two problems have shown up

1. Quasielastic contributions in nuclear γW box
2. Unexpected large isospin breaking corrections

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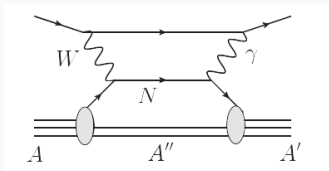


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Potential target for future experiments, **needs theory attention**

Hardy & Towner PRC 2020

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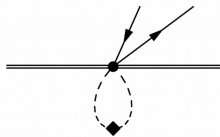
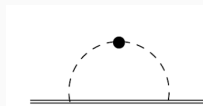
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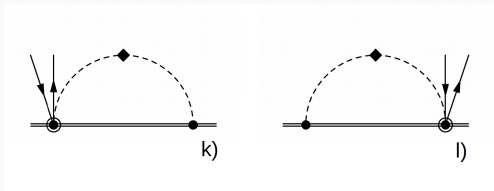
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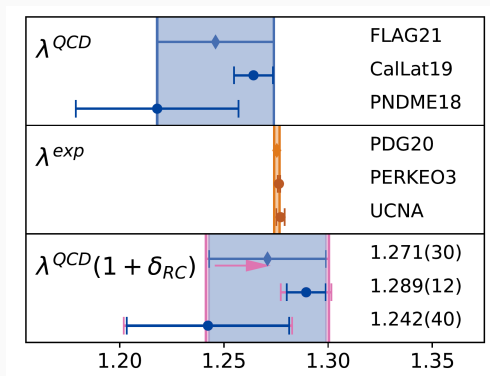
$$\Delta_{\text{em}}^{(1)} = Z_{\pi} \frac{4\pi m_{\pi}}{m_N} \left[c_4 - c_3 + \frac{3}{8} + \frac{9}{16} g_A^2 \right] \approx 1.8\%$$

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Nuclear effects with EFT are on the schedule, say tuned!

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Bigger questions due to isospin-breaking & nuclear corrections in radiative corrections

- Needs more theory attention
- Spectral (& correlation) measurements can be **sensitive to RC changes** in V_{ud} !

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Also, some tricky things...

- Accurate energy reconstruction for $< 1 \text{ keV}$
- Final state effects (Auger, X-rays, ...)

Meet superconducting tunnel junctions

- Two electrodes separated by a thin insulating tunnel barrier
- Superconducting energy gap Δ is of order $\sim \text{meV}$
 → High Energy Resolution ($\sim 1 \text{ eV}$)
- Timing resolution on the order of $10 \mu\text{s}$, making it among the fastest high-resolution quantum sensors available
 → "High" Rate (10^4 s^{-1} per pixel)

← Ideal for RIB experiments at ISAC

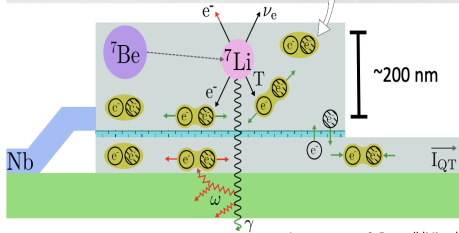
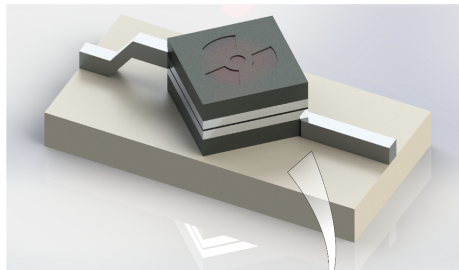
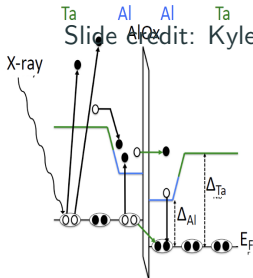
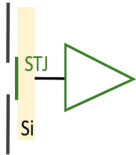


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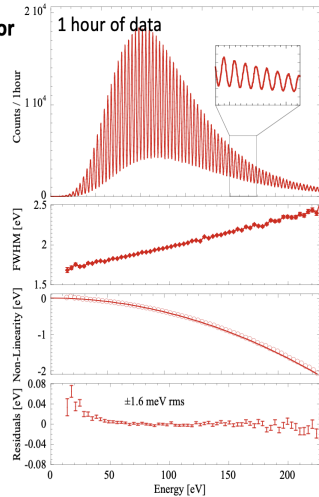
Adiabatic Demagnetization Refrigerator (ADR) – Base Temp ~ 70 mK



- Pulsed 355 nm (3.49965(15) eV) laser at 5 kHz fed through optical fiber to 0.1 K stage

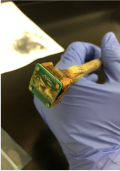
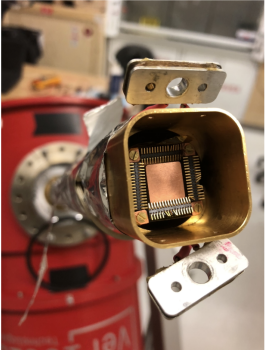
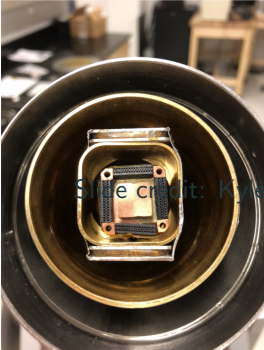
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- Illumination of STJ provides a comb of peaks at integer multiples of 3.5 eV
- Intrinsic resolution of our Ta-based devices is between ~ 1.5 and ~ 2.5 eV FWHM at $\sim 10 - 200$ eV
- Stable response and small quadratic non-linearity (10^{-4} per eV)

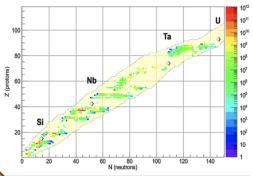
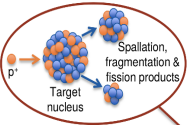


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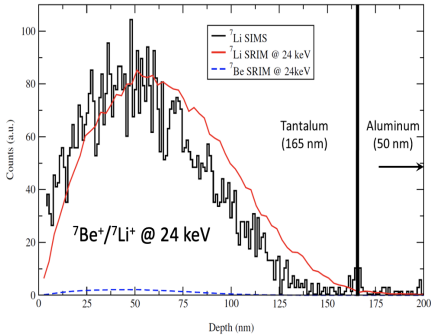
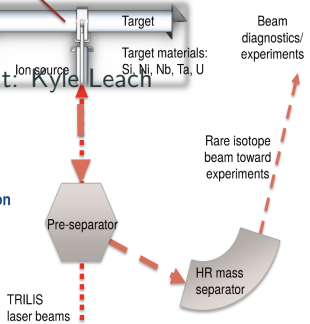


1. Isotope production



2. Ionization

- Surface ionization
- Laser ionization
- Electron impact ionization



Our current method with ⁷Be for the BeEST:

- Done at the ISAC Implantation Station
- Inactive (room temperature) sensor array
- Clear and ship sensor to lab (LLNL)
- Receive, handle, and cool to < 100 mK

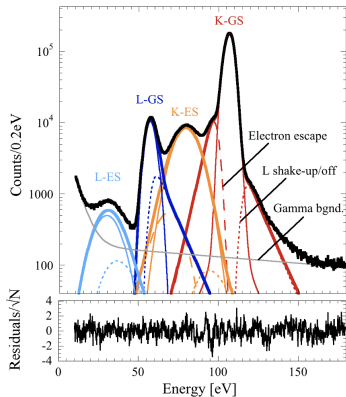
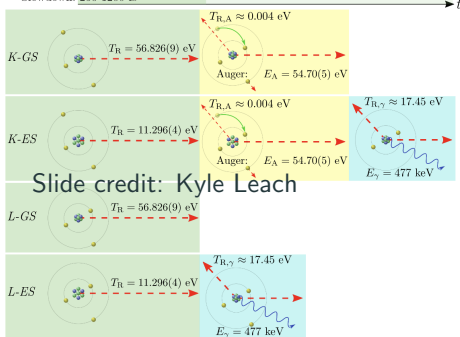
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Nuclear γ Emission: 72 fs

Auger Emission: 1-100 fs

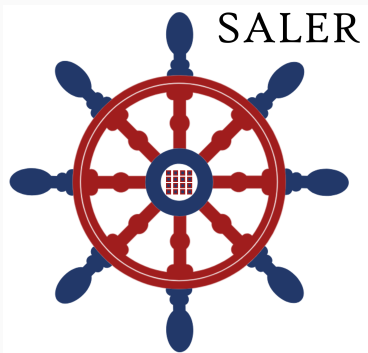
Slowdown: 250-1200 fs



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Can we do the same thing at radioactive ion beam facilities?

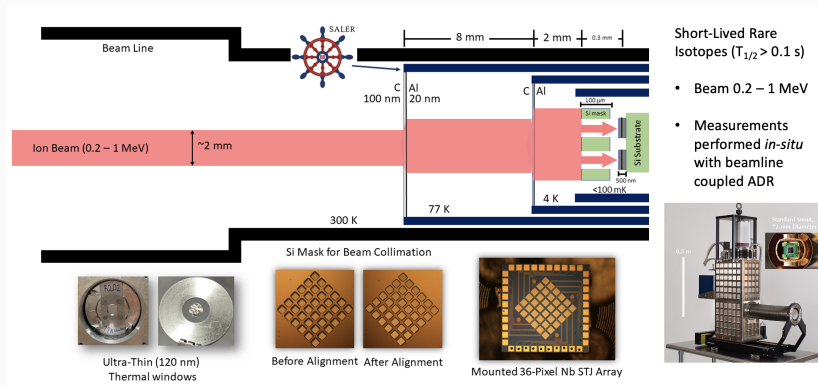
Introducing



Superconducting Array for Low Energy Radiation

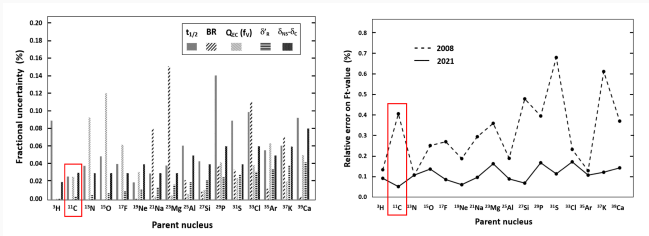
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Concept to couple to beam line

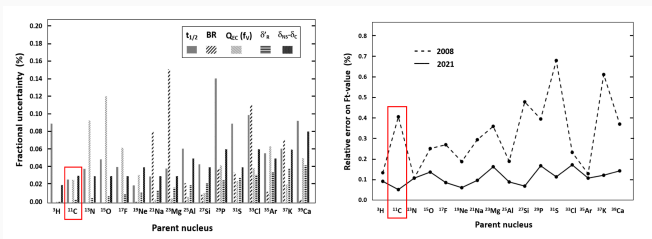


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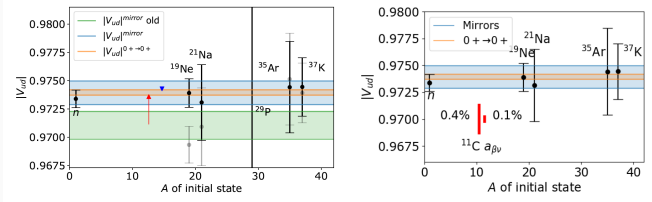
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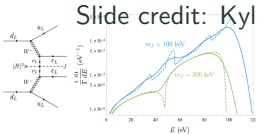
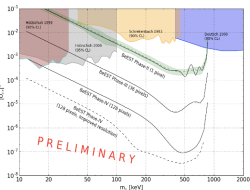
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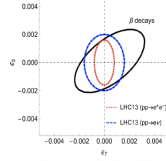
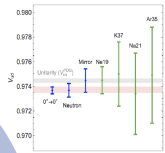
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Surrogates for Living Cells (Cancer Radiotherapy)

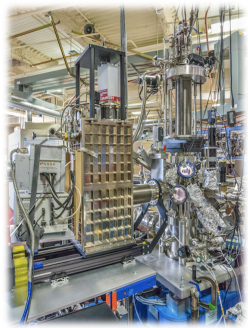
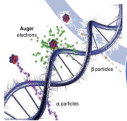


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