



# Search for S and T currents with $^{32}\text{Ar}$

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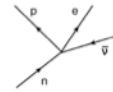
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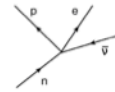
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## Effective Field Theory

Model independent approach : no assumption on NP origin

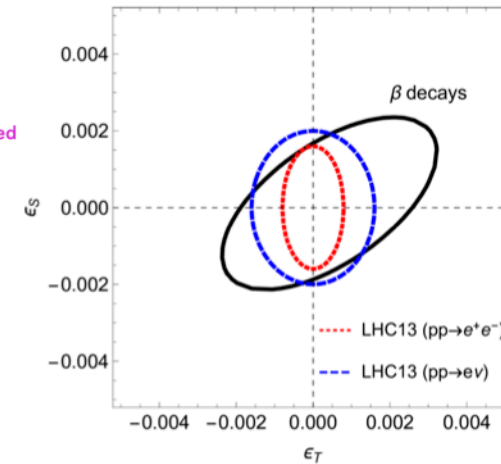
Wilson coefficients at quark level :

$$\epsilon_i \propto \left( \frac{m_W}{\Lambda} \right)^2 \sim 10^{-3}$$

TeV NP scale

EFT

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{C}_V + \vec{C}'_V &= 2g_V(1 + \epsilon_L + \epsilon_R) \\
 \vec{C}_A + \vec{C}'_A &= -2g_A(1 + \epsilon_L - \epsilon_R) \\
 \vec{C}_S + \vec{C}'_S &= 2g_S \epsilon_S \\
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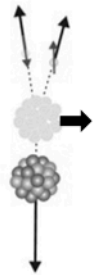
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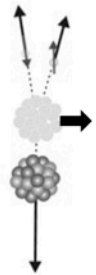
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 $\beta$ - $\nu$  correlation coefficient  
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 Access to  $C_S$  and  $C_T$  quadratically

$b$   
 Fierz interference term  
 CP conserving  
 Access to  $C_S$  and  $C_T$  linearly

$D$   
 «  $D$  » coefficient  
 CP violating  
 Access to  $C_{A'}$ ,  $C_{A''}$ ,  $C_V$ ,  $C_V'$  linearly

Correlation measurements  
 Beta spectrum shape measurements



*J.D Jackson, S.B Treiman, H.W Wyld Nuclear Phys 4 (1957)*

# Angular correlation measurement

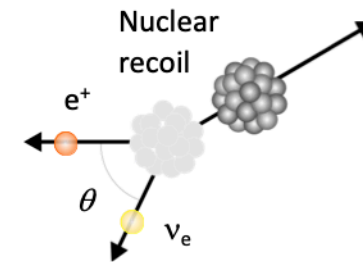


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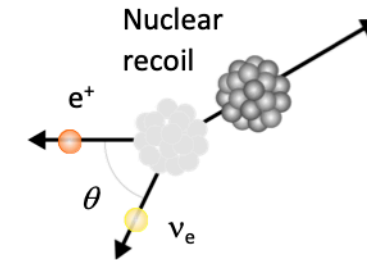


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## Correlation measurement = recoil measurement

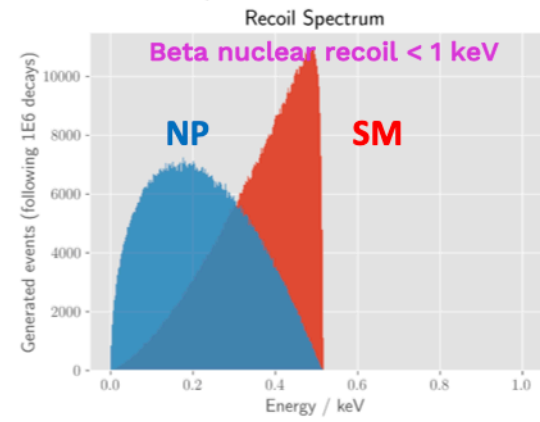
access to :

$$\tilde{a} \sim \frac{a}{1 + b < \frac{m_e}{E_e} >}$$

**Pure Fermi transition  $\Delta J=0$   $S=0$**   
**Vector Coupling**

$$a_F \cong 1 - \frac{|C_S|^2 + |C'_S|^2}{|C_V|^2} = \mathbf{1 \text{ standard model}}$$

$$b_F \cong \pm \text{Re} \left( \frac{C_S + C'_S}{C_V} \right) = \mathbf{0}$$



# Many Projects



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<sup>8</sup>Li @ ANL (Paul trap)  
<sup>6</sup>He @ ANL (MOT)  
<sup>32</sup>Ar @ Texas A&M (Penning)  
<sup>38m</sup>K @ TRIUMF (MOT)  
 n @ aSPECT  
 n @ nab  
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<sup>114</sup>In @ ISOLDE  
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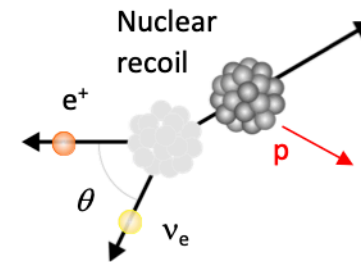
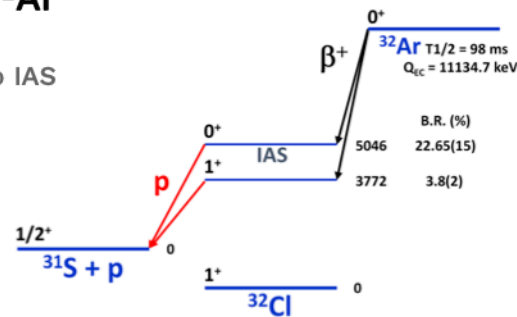
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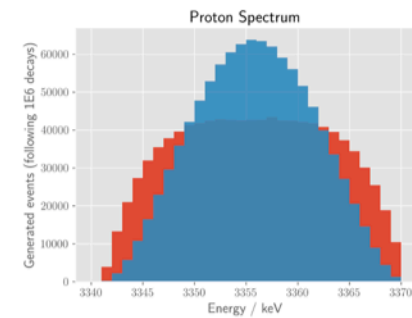
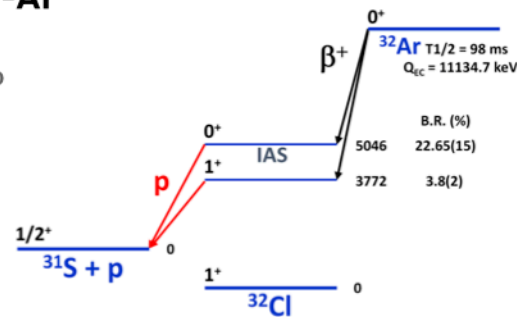
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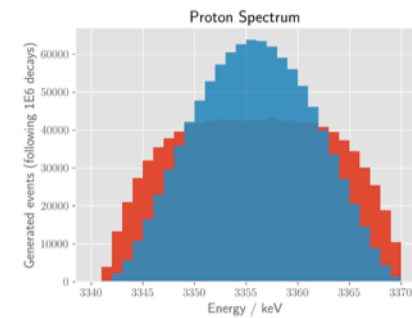
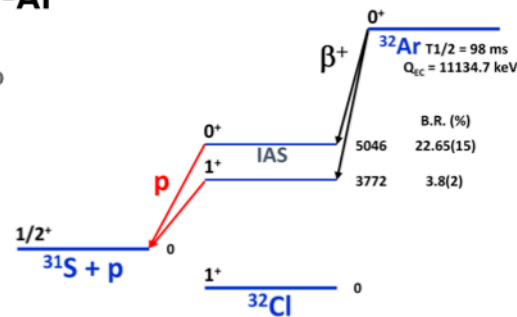
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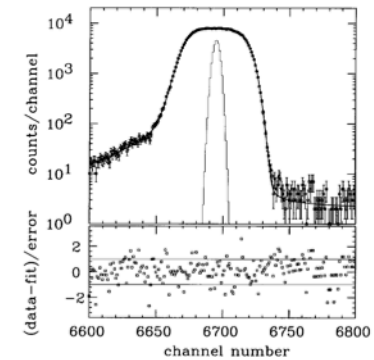


## ■ Broadening measurement

- $^{32}\text{Ar}$  beam at ISOLDE (60 keV)
- $9 \times 9$  mm<sup>2</sup> cooled p-i-n diodes  
high resolution  $\sim 3$  keV FWHM (pulser)
- 3.5 T magnetic field

$$\tilde{a} = 0.9989(52)_{stat}(39)_{syst}$$

⇨ precision level : 0.65%



*E. G. Adelberger et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 83 (1999)*

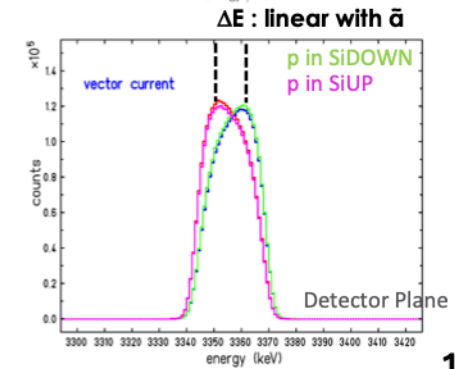
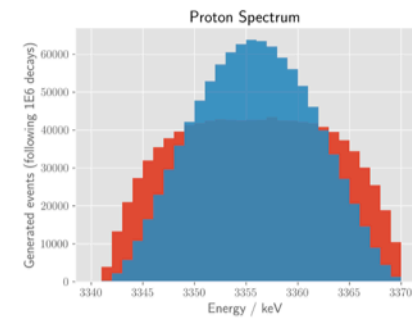
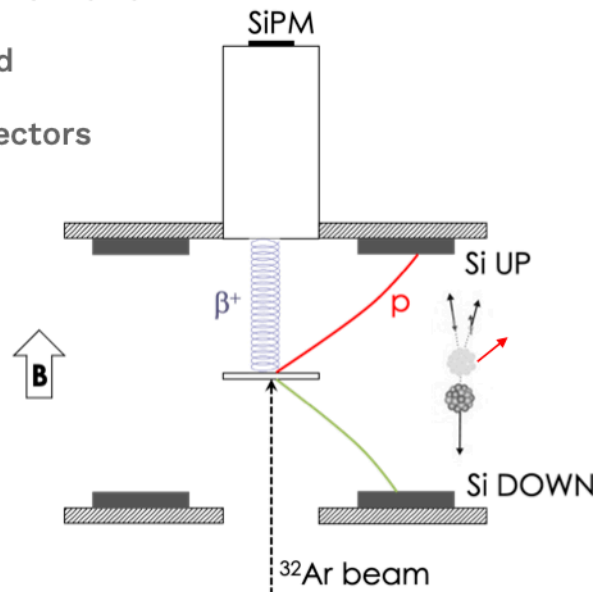
# WISArD Weak Interaction Studies with $^{32}\text{Ar}$ Decay



## ■ $\beta$ -p coincidence measurement

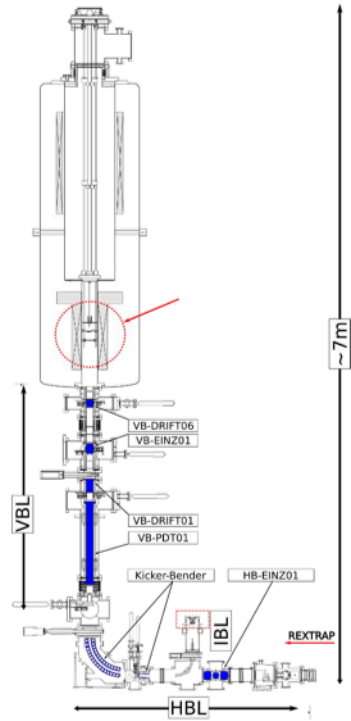
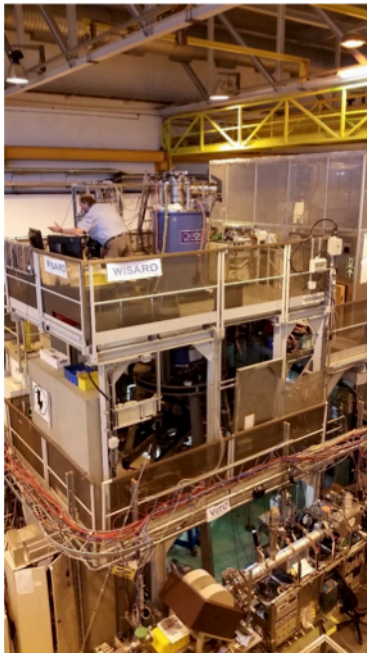
- Strong magnetic field
- 2 symmetrical p detectors  
high resolution  
high solid angle
- Beta detector  
low detection threshold

⇒ precision level : 0.1%



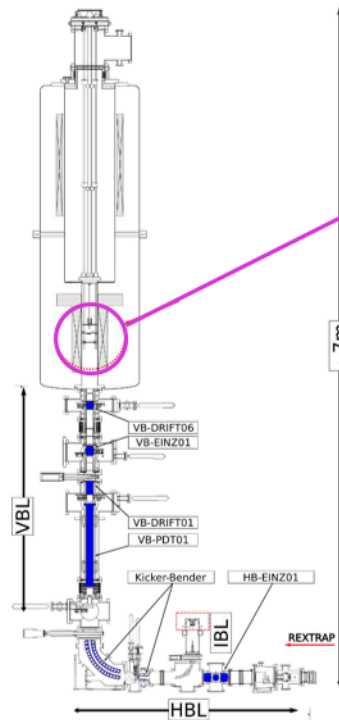
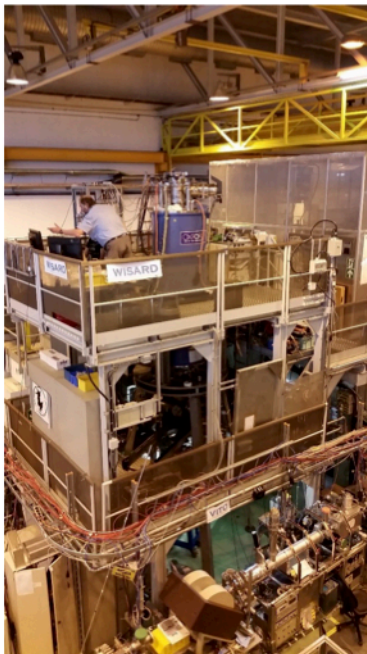


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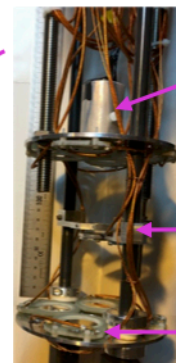


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# WISArD setup @ISOLDE



## ■ Proof-of-Principle Setup 2018



**$\beta$  detector**  
plastic scintillator + 1 SiPM 6x6 mm<sup>2</sup>  
Hamamatsu

**catcher**  
Al-mylar 6.7(1)  $\mu$ m

**p detectors**  
2 x 4 Si surface barrier 300  $\mu$ m  
Dead layer ~ 430 (300) nm  
Resolution ~ 35 keV

in B = 4 T  
(WITCH magnet)

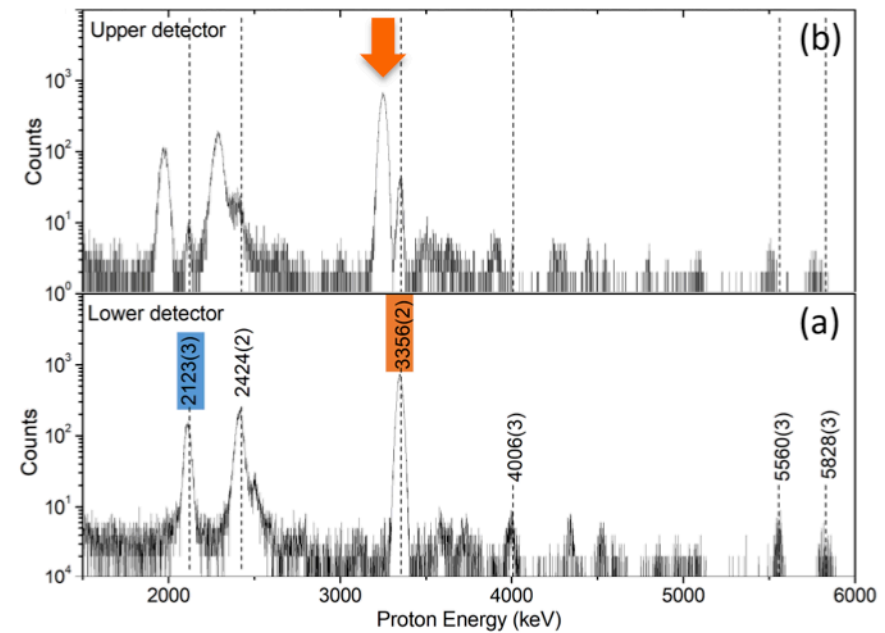
+ FASTER DAQ

# Proof-of-Principle Experiment - 2018



## ■ Single p spectra calibration

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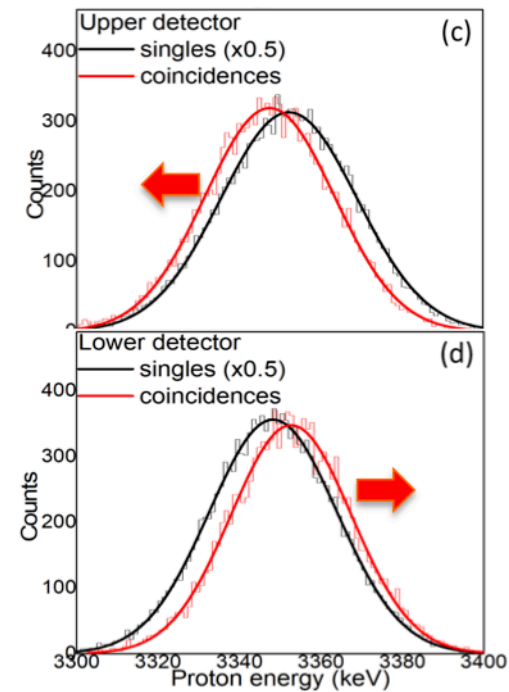


## ■ $\beta$ -p coincidence

$$\Delta E = |\bar{E}_{coinc} - \bar{E}_{single}|$$
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Mean value over 8 detectors

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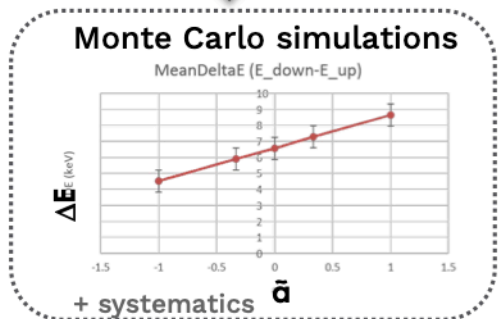
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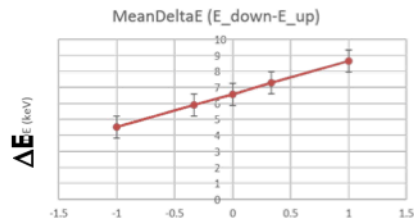
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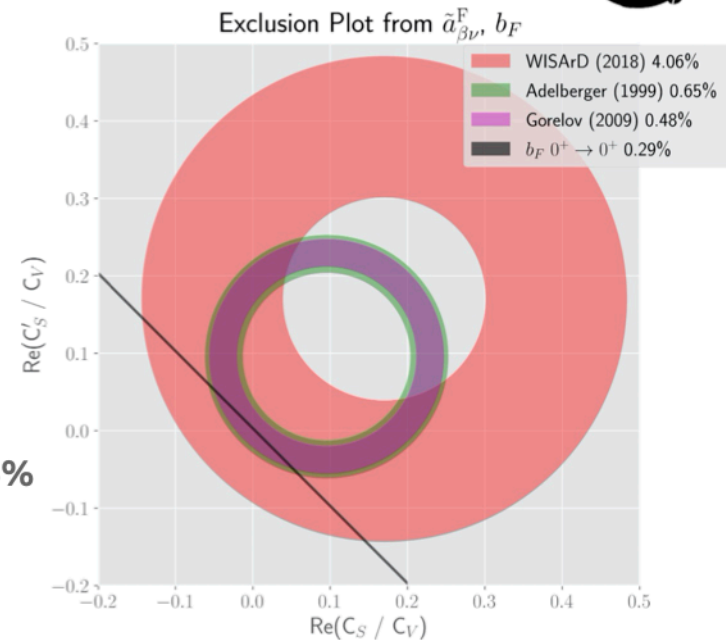
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Exclusion plot from D. Atanasov

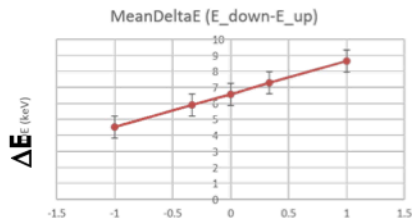
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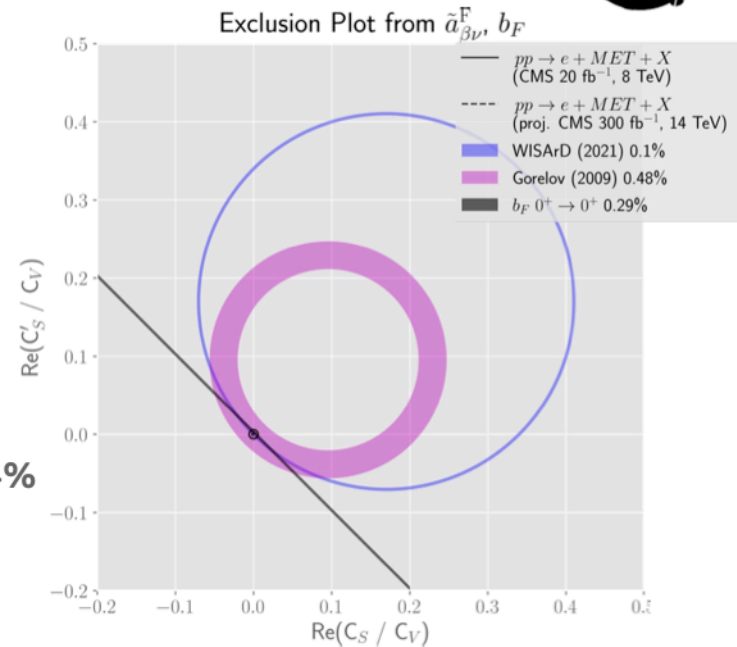
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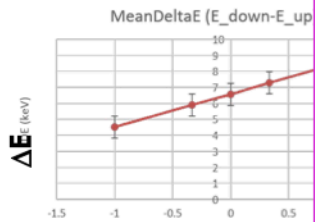
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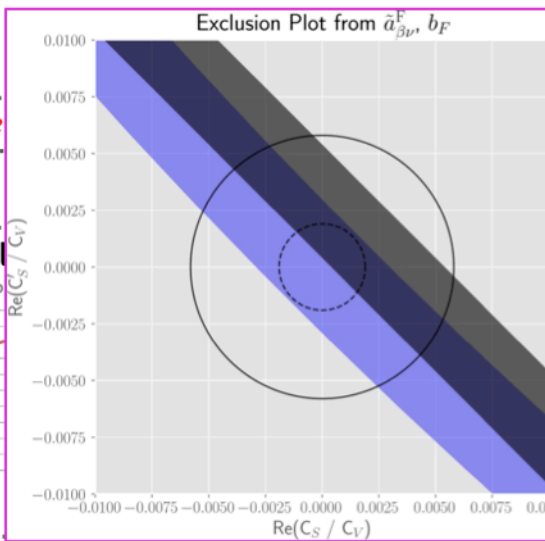
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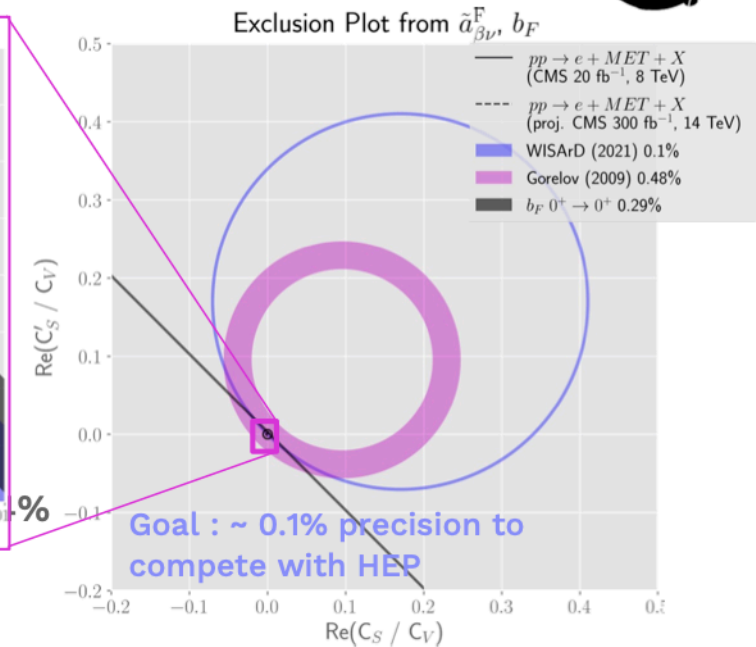


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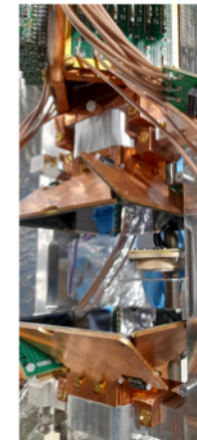
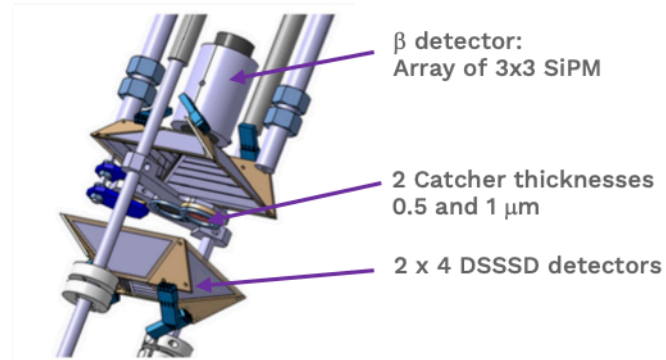
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Proton	Det. calibration	0.2%	9
	Det. position	1 mm	<1
	Source position	3 mm	3
	Source radius	3 mm	1
	<i>B</i> field	1%	<1
Positron	Silicon dead layer	0.3 $\mu\text{m}$	5
	Mylar thickness	0.15 $\mu\text{m}$	2
	Detector backscattering	15%	2
	Catcher backscattering	15%	21
	Threshold	12 keV	8
Total			25

# Upgrade 2019 - 2022



## ■ Setup geometry

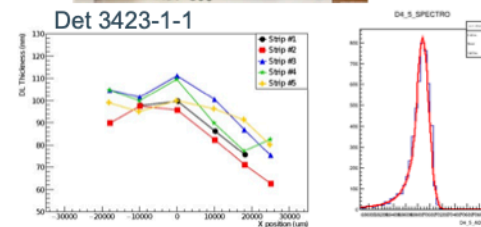
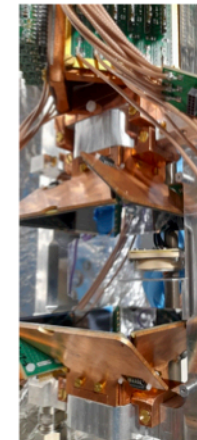
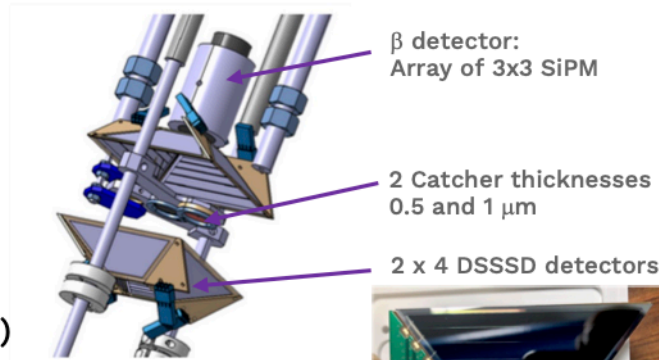
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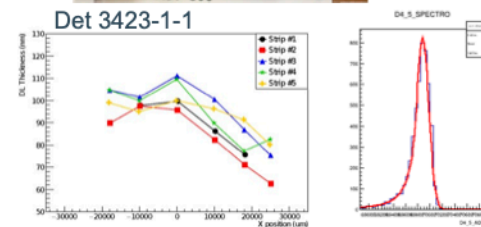
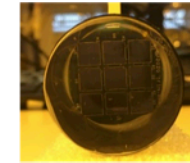
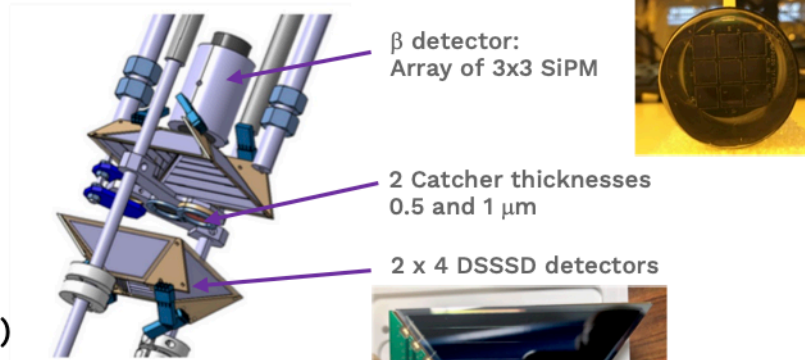
- **Setup geometry**
  - 57% maximum solid angle
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- **p detectors**
  - Cooled -23°
  - < 100 nm dead layer
  - $\alpha$  700 keV
  - 15-20 keV FWHM ( $\alpha$  5.3 MeV)



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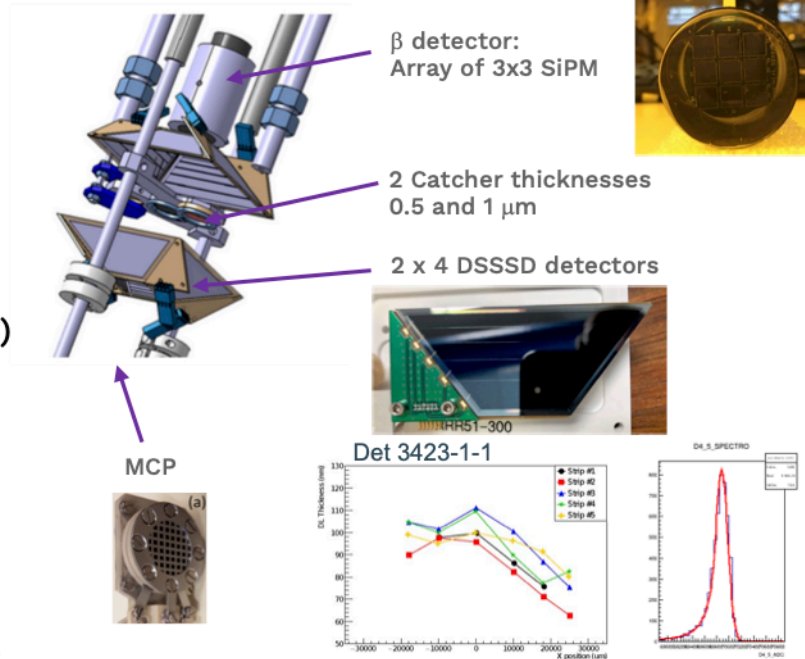
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- **$\beta$  detector**
  - 130 keV FWHM @ 1 MeV
  - Dual gain output
  - Mult 3 threshold < 23 keV



# Upgrade 2019 - 2022



- **Setup geometry**
  - 57% maximum solid angle
  - 90° p incident angle
- **p detectors**
  - Cooled -23°
  - < 100 nm dead layer
  - $\alpha$  700 keV
  - 15-20 keV FWHM ( $\alpha$  5.3 MeV)
- **$\beta$  detector**
  - 130 keV FWHM @ 1 MeV
  - Dual gain output
  - Mult 3 threshold < 23 keV
- **MCP + segmented FC**
  - Resolution < 300  $\mu$ m FWHM
- **Beam line transmission : 90%**

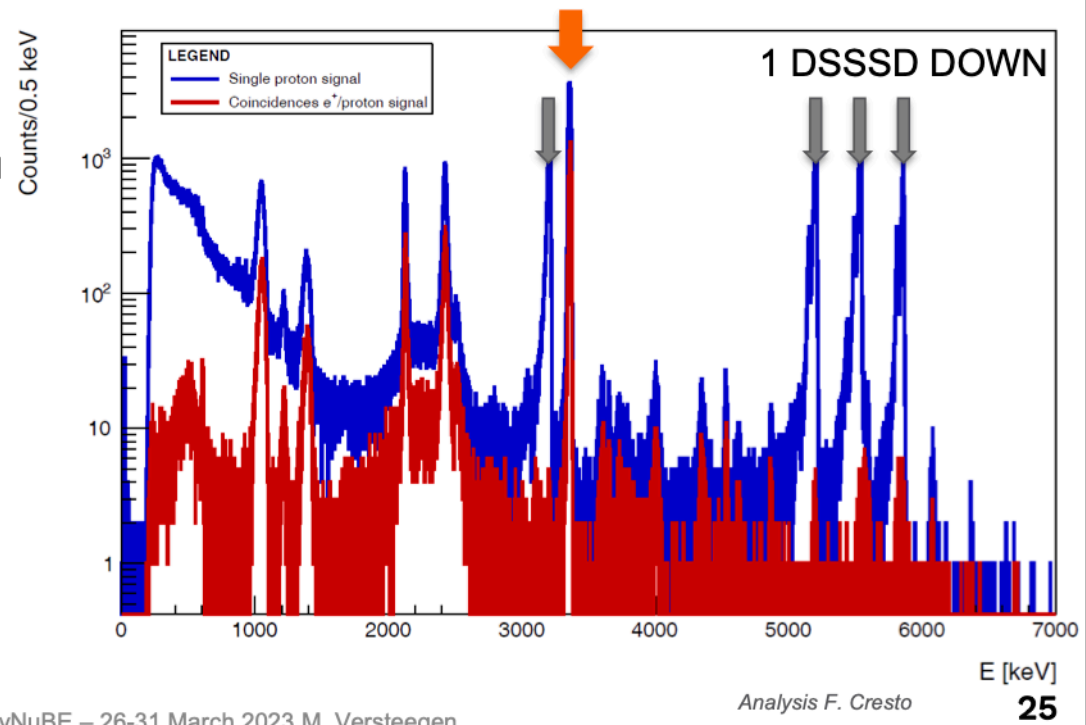


# Test run - 2021



## ■ 43h of $^{32}\text{Ar}$ beam time

- 4- $\alpha$  source pollution
- Resolution 7-10 keV FWHM
- F + GT transitions



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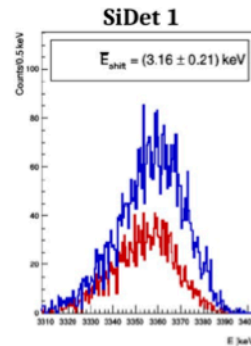
- 43h of  $^{32}\text{Ar}$  beam time
  - 4- $\alpha$  source pollution
  - F + GT transitions
- Kinematic broadening visible
  - IAS peak 19 keV FWHM
- Kinematic shift (down)
 

$\Delta E_F = 3.97(8) - 2.66(6)$
- Preliminary value of  $\tilde{a}$ 

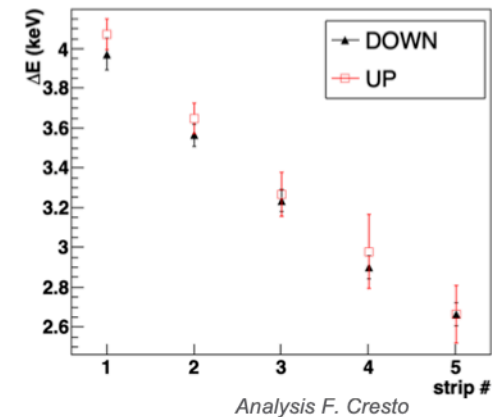
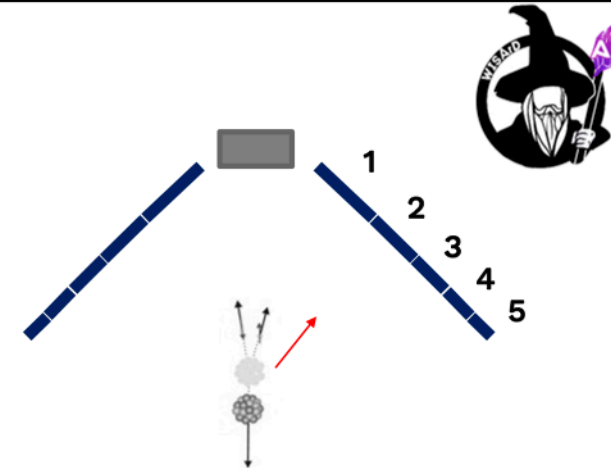
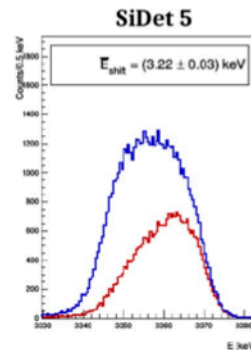
$1.002 \pm 0.017$  (stat.)

⇒ stat. precision level : 2%

Upper detectors



Lower detectors



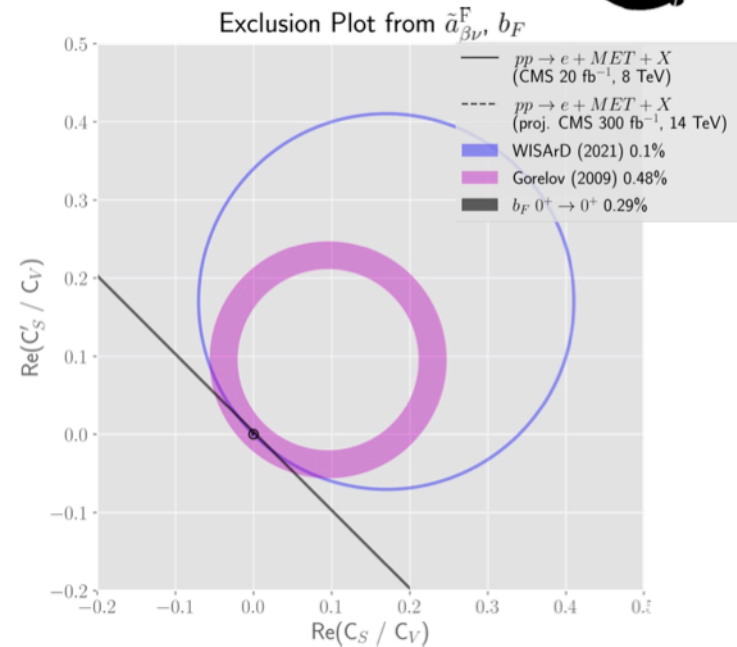
# Next data taking : 2023



## ■ 24 shifts

- ~150h  $^{32}\text{Ar}$  :  $3 \times 10^7$   $\beta$ -p events
- 2 shifts  $^{33}\text{Ar}$  for calibration
- 3 shifts for beam tuning

	Source	Uncertainty	$\Delta \tilde{a}_F$	
Background	False coinc.	8%	<1	
Proton	Det. calibration	0.2%	9	■
	Det. position	1 mm	<1	■
	Source position	3 mm	3	■
	Source radius	3 mm	1	■
	$B$ field	1%	<1	■
	Silicon dead layer	$0.3 \mu\text{m}$	5	■
Positron	Mylar thickness	$0.15 \mu\text{m}$	2	■
	Detector backscattering	15%	2	■
	Catcher backscattering	15%	21	■
	Threshold	12 keV	8	■
Total			25	



Exclusion plot from D. Atanasov



# Conclusion



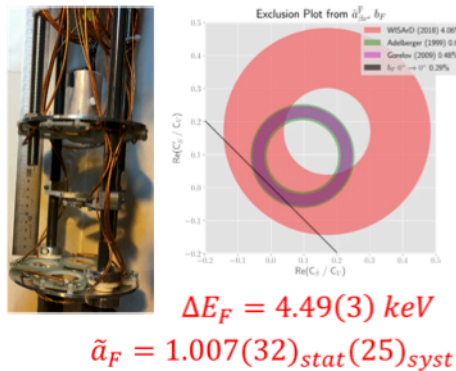
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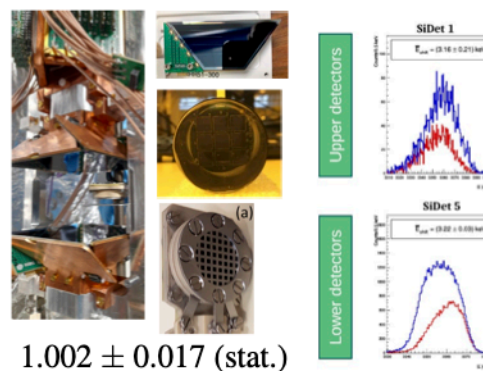


## ■ Proof-of-Principle



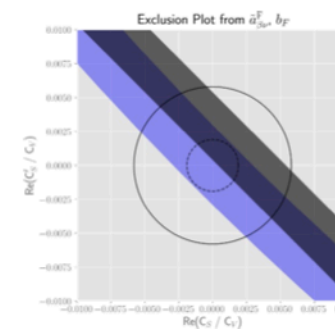
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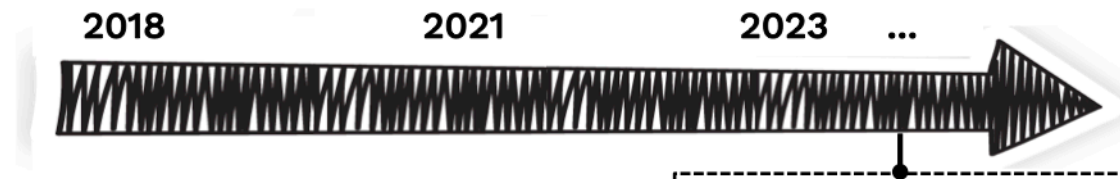


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## ■ Next data taking $^{32}\text{Ar}$



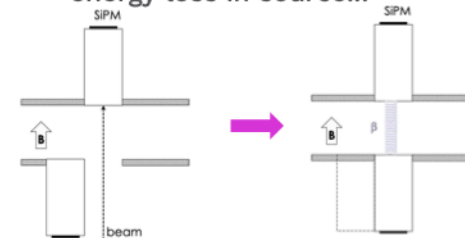
# Outlook



## ■ $\beta$ spectrum shape measurement

$$dW = dW_0 \times \xi \left( 1 + b \frac{m}{E_e} \right)$$

- **Challenges :**  
backscattering, dead layer,  
energy loss in source...



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## ■ $\beta$ -2 $\alpha$ emitter : ${}^8\text{Li}$

- GT transition : T current?
- Best limit to date in trap (BPL)

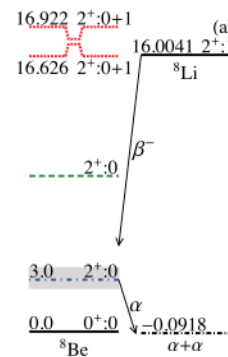
$$a_{\beta\nu} = -0.3325 \pm 0.0013_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.0019_{\text{syst}}$$

$$|C_T/C_A| < 0.087 \text{ at the 95.5\% C.L.}$$

*M.T. Burkey et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 128 (2022)*

## ■ Other $\beta$ -p candidates

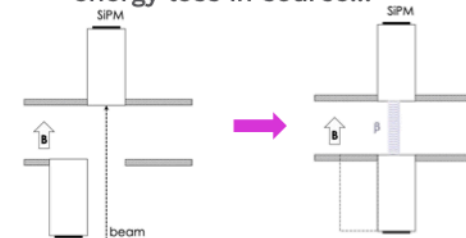
- ${}^{20}\text{Mg}$  : sensitivity to  $b$  x2
- ${}^{24}\text{Si}$ ,  ${}^{28}\text{S}$



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Thank you for your attention

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**Back up**

# Test run 2021 : preliminary systematics



## ■ Evaluated

- Catcher thickness
- $\beta$  detection threshold

For mylar (down) : 5 ‰

## ■ To be evaluated

- Backscattering in catcher and at the surface of the  $\beta$  detector
- p spectrum calibration
- Implantation point position

# HE vs HP

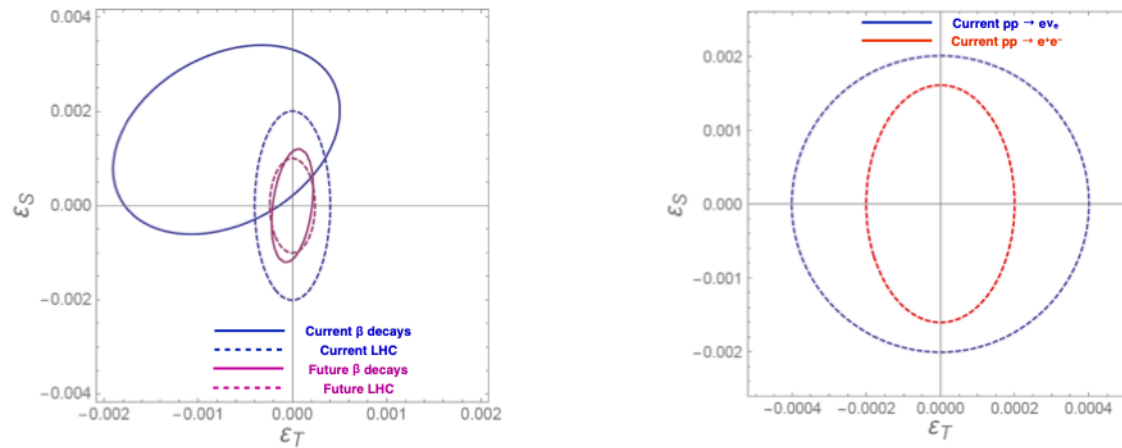
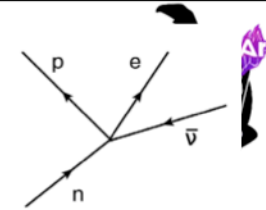


FIG. 8. Current and projected 90% C.L. constraints on  $\epsilon_S$  and  $\epsilon_T$  defined at 2 GeV in the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme. (Left) The beta-decay constraints are obtained from the recent review article, Ref. [81]. The current and future LHC bounds are obtained from the analysis of the  $pp \rightarrow e + MET + X$ . We have used the ATLAS results [82], at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV and integrated luminosity of  $36 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ . We find that the strongest bound comes from the cumulative distribution with a cut on the transverse mass at 2 TeV. The projected future LHC bounds are obtained by assuming that no events are observed at transverse mass greater than 3 TeV with an integrated luminosity of  $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ . (Right) Comparison of current LHC bounds from  $pp \rightarrow e + MET + X$  versus  $pp \rightarrow e^+e^- + X$ .

# Beta decay



## ■ n beta decay Lagrangian

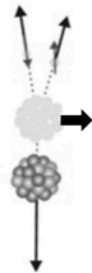
$$-\mathcal{L}_{LY} = C_V \left( \bar{p}\gamma^\mu n + \frac{C_A}{C_V} \bar{p}\gamma^\mu \gamma_5 n \right) \times \bar{e}\gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5)\nu_e$$

$$+ C_S \bar{p}n \times \bar{e}(1 - \gamma_5)\nu_e + \frac{1}{2} C_T \bar{p}\sigma^{\mu\nu} n \times \bar{e}\sigma_{\mu\nu}(1 - \gamma_5)\nu_e + hc$$

SM “V-A” structure

Exotic currents : S and T  
P omitted

## ■ Decay rate distribution for polarized nuclei



$$\frac{dW(\mathbf{J})}{dE_e d\Omega_e d\Omega_\nu} = dW_0 \times \xi \left\{ 1 + a \frac{\mathbf{p}_e \cdot \mathbf{p}_\nu}{E_e E_\nu} + b \frac{m_e}{E_e} + \frac{\langle \mathbf{J} \rangle}{J} \cdot \left( A \frac{\mathbf{p}_e}{E_e} + B \frac{\mathbf{p}_\nu}{E_\nu} + D \frac{\mathbf{p}_e \times \mathbf{p}_\nu}{E_e E_\nu} \right) \right\}$$

- Ft values :  $V_{ud}$ ,  $b$
- Beta spectrum shape :  $b$
- Correlation measurements :  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $D$

T.Lee, C-N Yang Phys. Rev. 104 (1956)  
M. González-Alonso, Colloque GANIL (2019)  
J.D Jackson, S.B Treiman, H.W Wyld Nuclear Phys 4 (1957)

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# Ft values : total decay rates

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Statistical rate function  $f \propto \int dW_0$

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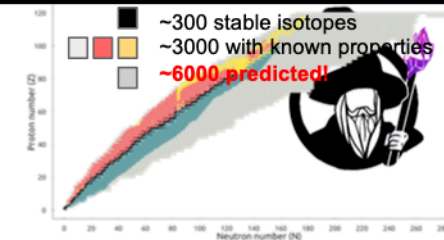
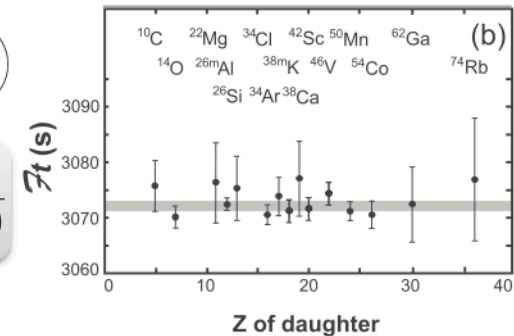
Beta counting and Ge with calibrated  $\varepsilon$  :  
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Corrections:  
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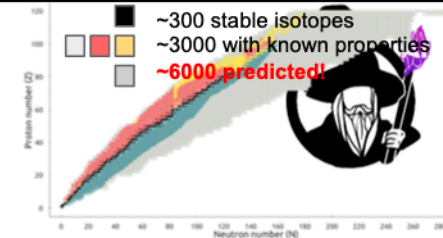
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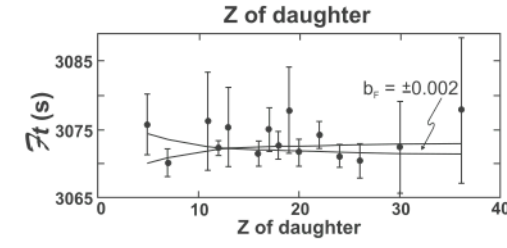
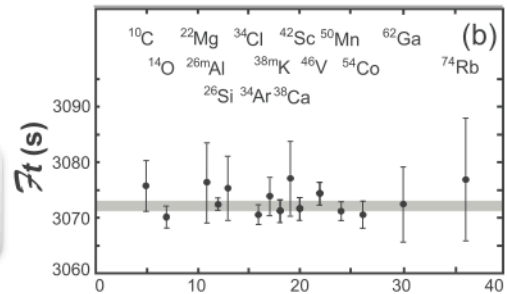
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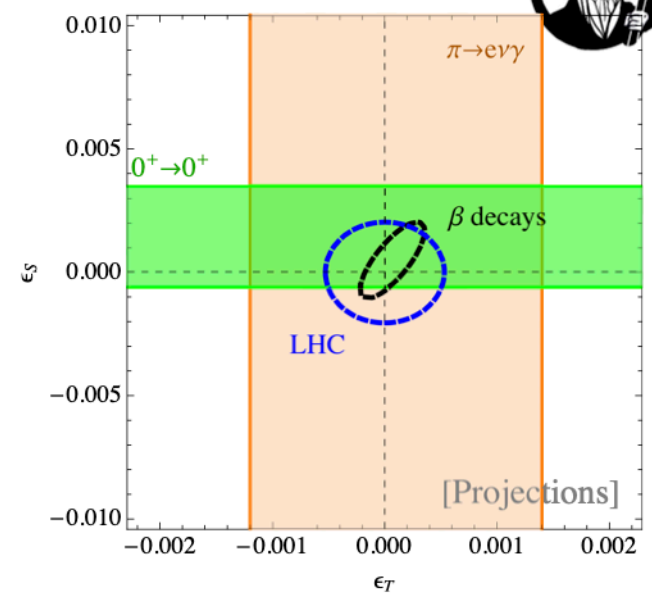
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■ **Sensitivity to exotic scalar currents** :  $b = \pm 0.002$

If  $b \neq 0$  then  $f$  is affected :  $f' = ft \times \frac{1}{1 + b < \frac{m_e}{E_e} >}$



JC. Hardy & IS. Towner Phys.Rev.C 102 (2020)

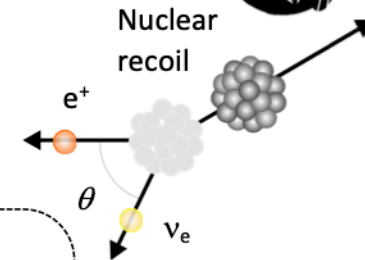


# Correlation measurements : WISArD



## ■ Decay rate for non polarized nuclei :

$$dW = dW_0 \left( 1 + a \frac{\mathbf{p}_e \cdot \mathbf{p}_\nu}{E_e E_\nu} + b \frac{m_e}{E_e} \right)$$



### Pure F transition $\Delta J=0$ $S=0$

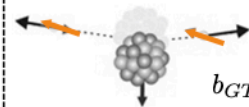


$$a_F \cong 1 - \frac{|C_S|^2 + |C'_S|^2}{|C_V|^2} = 1$$

$$b_F \approx \pm \text{Re} \left( \frac{C_S + C'_S}{C_V} \right) = 0$$

⇒ Best measurement  $a_F$  at 0.45%

### Pure GT transition $\Delta J=0$ or $1$ $S=1$



$$a_{GT} \cong -\frac{1}{3} \left( 1 - \frac{|C_T|^2 + |C'_T|^2}{|C_A|^2} \right) = -1/3$$

$$b_{GT} \approx \pm \text{Re} \left( \frac{C_T + C'_T}{C_A} \right) = 0$$

⇒ Best measurement  $a_{GT}$  at  $< \sim 1\%$

