



La MORA
Bayeux tapestry



THE MORA EXPERIMENT

Matter's Origin from RadioActivity

News from IGISOL

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Matter-antimatter imbalance in the Universe

The big bang should have produced equal amounts of matter and antimatter



In 1967, Sakharov expresses the 3 conditions for Baryogenesis, the processus responsible for the matter antimatter assymetry observed in the universe:

- (i) a large C and **CP violation**
- (ii) a violation of the baryonic number,
- (iii) a process out of thermal equilibrium.

[A. D. Sakharov, «Violation of CP invariance, C asymmetry, and baryon asymmetry of the universe,» *JETP Letters*, vol. 5, p. 24, 1967.](#)

CP violation observed in the K, B and D - meson decays, and more recently Λ_b baryon decay is not enough to account for the large matter – antimatter asymmetry

Physics beyond the Standard Model !

MORA in a nutshell



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D correlation measurement in ^{23}Mg , ^{39}Ca decays to the 10^{-5} level with some beam, laser and trapping R&D

State of the art techniques from ISOL facilities

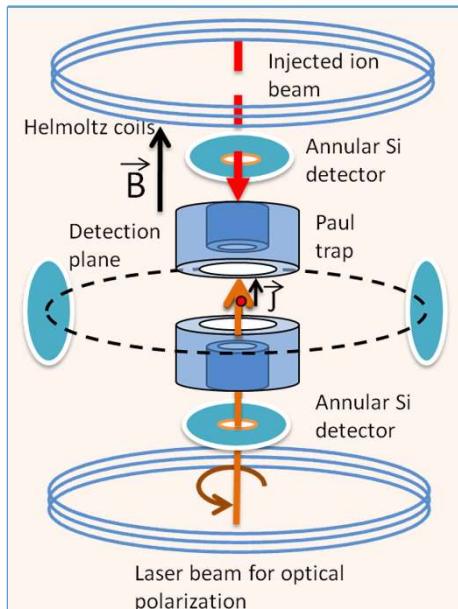
- Ion cooling and trapping originally developed for



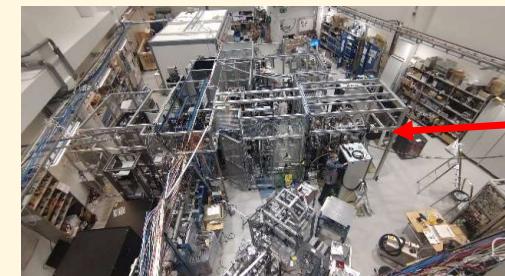
New trap and new detection setup:
off-line commissioning at **LPC** and **GANIL**

Completed in autumn 2021

- Theoretical studies with state-of-the-art EFTs



- Innovative laser polarisation techniques at



MORA
installation at
JYFL/IGISOL
(completed!)

Proof of principle of polarization
First D measurement

Started in Feb 2022

With experts from:



Back to **GANIL** /DESIR, making use of the intense and purified ISOL beams from SPIRAL 1/ S3-LEB: 2028

Search for new physics via the D correlation measurement

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Below 10^{-4} , measurement of Final State Interactions

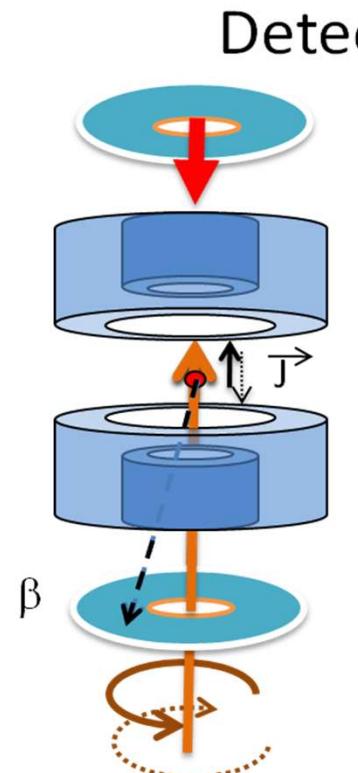
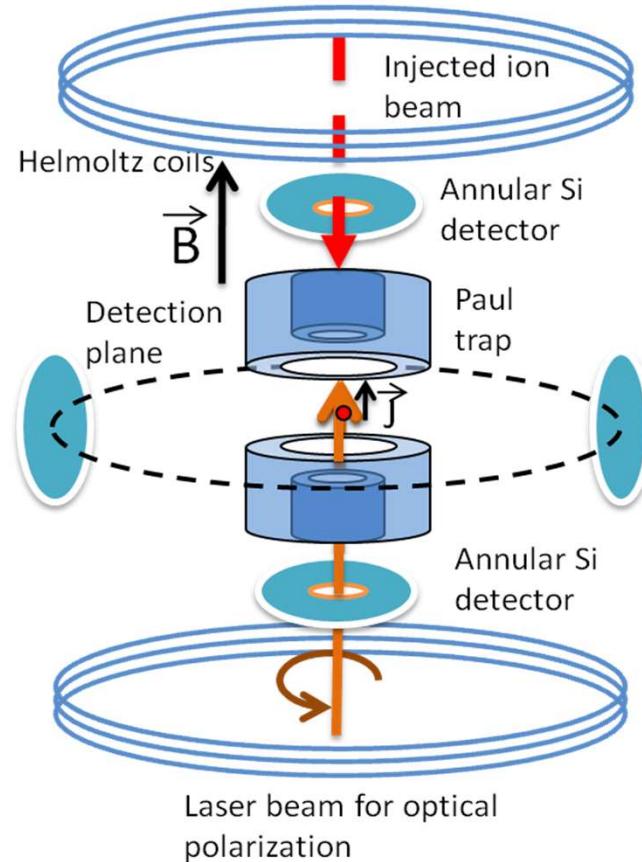
Recoil order effect due to the weak magnetism (allowed in SM)

$$D_{FSI} \sim Z\alpha \frac{E_e}{M} \cdot A(\mu_f - \mu_i) \quad \text{Callan and Treiman, Phys. Rev. 162(1967)1494.}$$

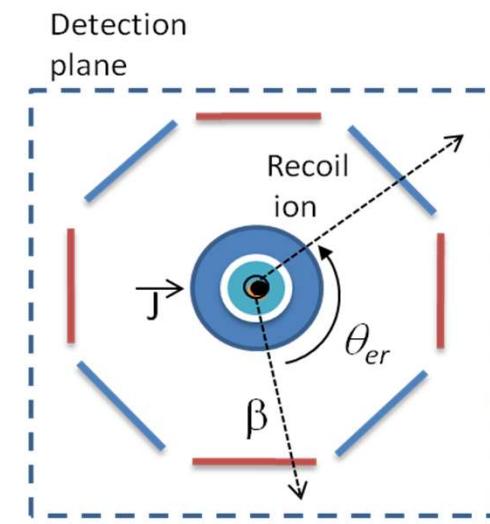
Never accessed by a direct measurement in D

A measurement of D to the 10^{-5} level: looking for New Physics and accessing for the first time FSI

Precision measurement of the *D* correlation

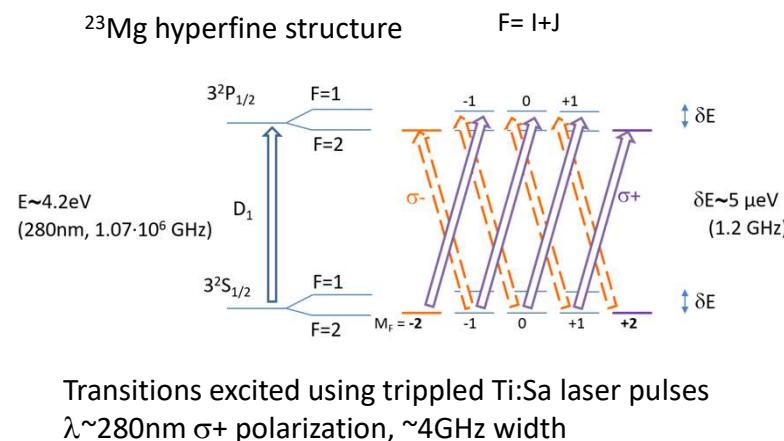


Detection setups



MORA: in-trap laser polarization

- The nuclear spin I interacts with the atomic one $J \rightarrow F=I+J$
- $\sigma+$ or $\sigma-$ light to scan the **hyperfine structure** forces ions in the $m_F=\pm F$ state

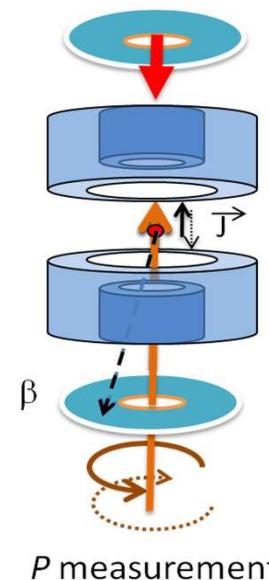


Doppler shift/broadening due to ion motion $\sim 1.6\text{GHz}$
 Collisions with He atoms (no spin) do not depolarize

With the power available at JYFL
 More than 99% achievable in 1ms

→ Probable limitation: laser light polarization

Polarization monitoring thanks to β assymetry: A_β



Remember: C. S. Wu et al.,
Phys Rev 105(1957)1413

$$A_\beta \frac{\langle \vec{J} \rangle}{J} \cdot \frac{\vec{p}_e}{E_e}$$

$$\frac{N_{\beta^+}^\uparrow - N_{\beta^+}^\downarrow}{N_{\beta^+}^\uparrow + N_{\beta^+}^\downarrow} \propto A_\beta \cdot P$$

Transition probabilities: numerical simulations
 R. de Groote, X. Fléchard and W. Gins

Remember 2021 - 2022

Off-line commissioning in LPC Caen
September 2021

^{23}Na trapped ions from alkali source



Shipping incident – trap chamber
to be repaired - October 2021



Large involvement of LPC Caen technical resources

Installation in JYFL
November 2021 – injection line



Installation in JYFL
January 2021 – trap and detectors



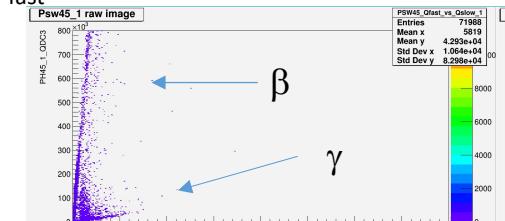
Commissioning in JYFL
Mid February – off-line

^{23}Na trapped ions from cooler
buncher



Commissioning in JYFL
18th - 20th February – on-line
27-31 May 2022 – on-line

Q_{fast}



First ^{23}Mg β activity is recorded

2023 - 2024

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Na⁺ beam only appears with p beam on

- Efforts focused first on targets and windows
- He gas was also discarded
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13X sieve: $\text{Na}_2\text{O} \cdot \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot m\text{SiO}_2 \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Testing charcoal and SiO₂ filters instead of zeolite
→ Same impurities



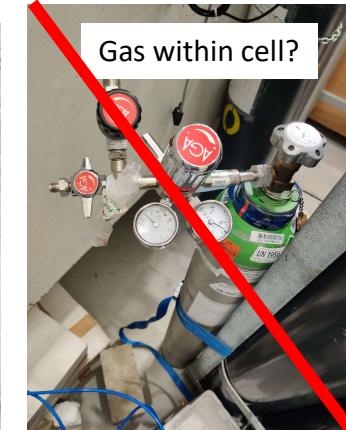
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But then what is it?

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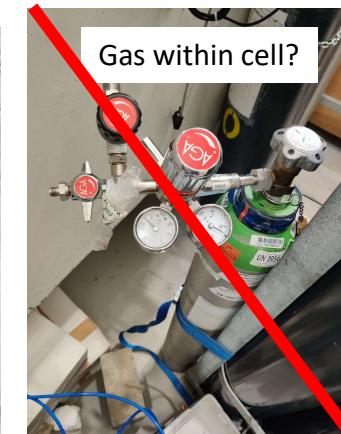


The SextuPole Ion Guide! SPIG

2023 - 2024

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The SextuPole Ion Guide! SPIG

Sputtering of electrodes by ionized He

Explains that:

- The gas purity matters
- The Na^+ can be trapped in the SPIG
- The Na^+ only comes when p beam on
- ...

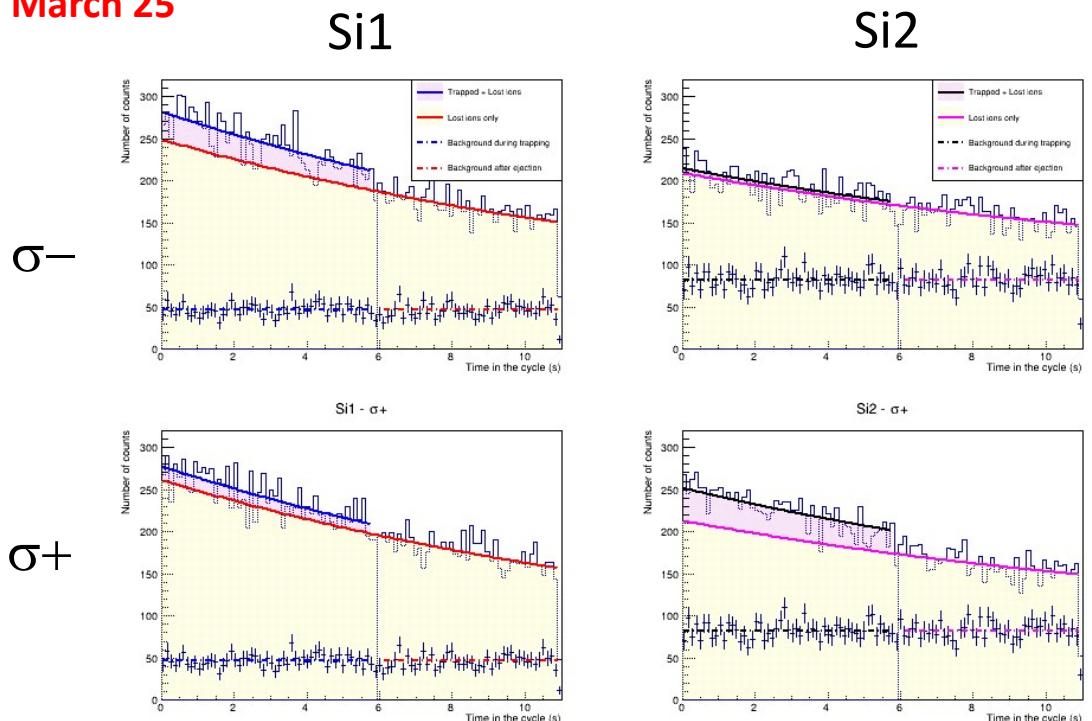
SPIG deionized water cleaning



Experimental breakthrough

March 25

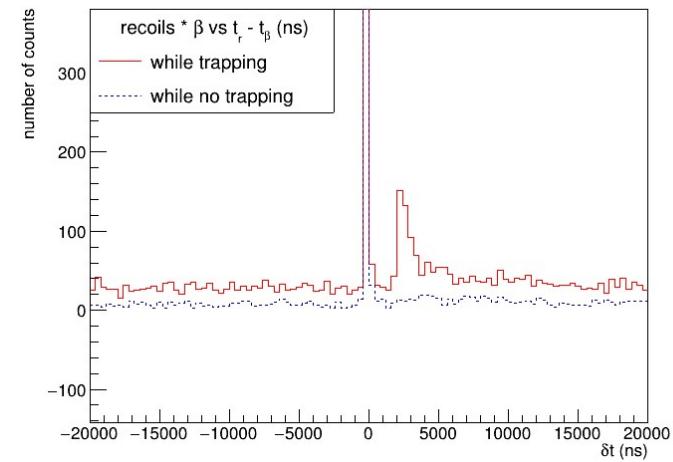
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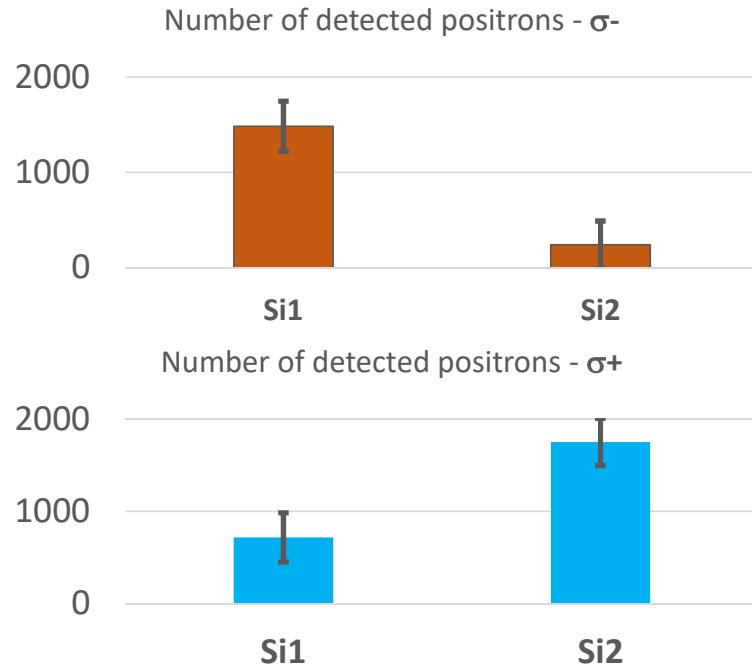
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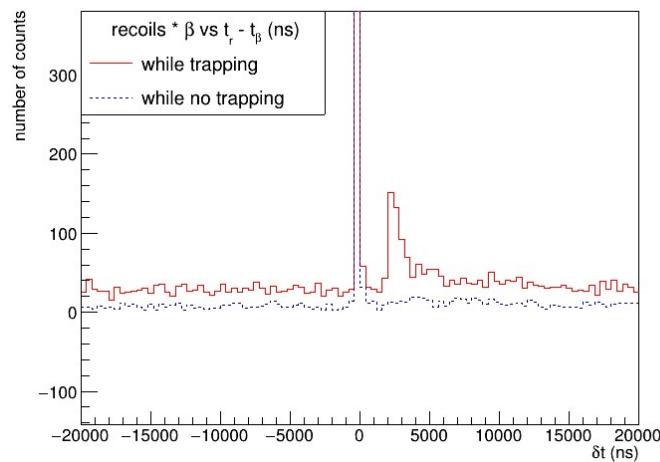
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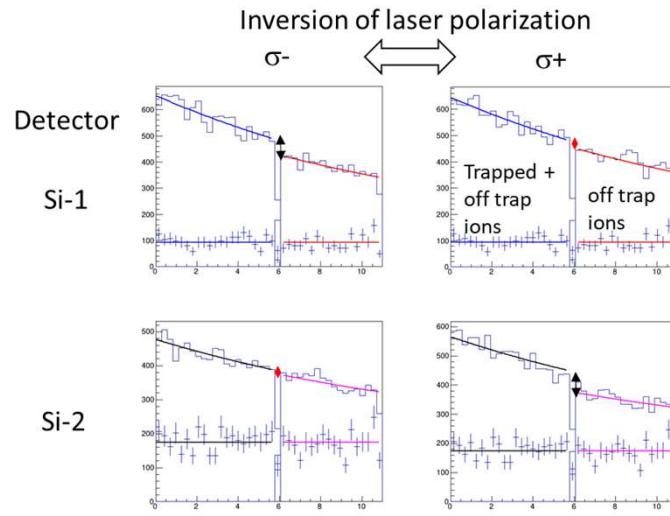
- **First major milestone attained!**
 - $78\% < P < 100\%$ at 90 C.L.
 - More data to come
- **Progressing towards the *D* correlation measurement**
 - 10^4 ions in the trap: still 2 orders of magnitude of contamination to fight against
 - Testing baked and cleaned Nb rods for the SPIG
 - Recovering high $5 \cdot 10^5$ pps $^{23}\text{Mg}^+$ yield
 - Proton beam tuning, new thin Mg target
 - Careful beam separator settings to suppress neighboring masses ($^{22}\text{Ne}...$)
- **Exploring $^{39}\text{Ca}^+$ at IGISOL and GANIL**
 - New ANR project: AvanCed CaLcium radioActive Isotopes Manipulation for MORA - ACCLAIM MORA

NEWS

08/04/25

Contact : Pierre Delahaye

Démonstration de la polarisation laser dans le piège de MORA Demonstration of the laser polarisation in the trap of MORA



Le degré de polarisation des ions $^{23}\text{Mg}^+$ dans le piège de MORA a été mesuré à IGISOL en Finlande. C'est une première expérimentale pour cette technique innovante. Les premières estimations montrent qu'il est supérieur à 55% avec un intervalle de confiance de 90%.



The degree of polarization of $^{23}\text{Mg}^+$ ions in the MORA trap has been measured at IGISOL in Finland. This is an experimental first for this innovative technique. Initial estimates show that it is greater than 55%, with a confidence interval of 90%.

MORA collaboration



Thanks a lot for your attention!



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In blue PhD and Master students hired for MORA

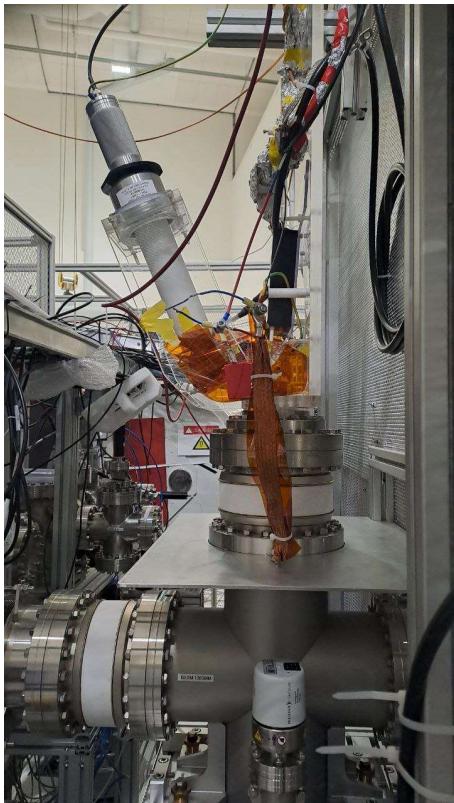


Thanks a lot!



Highlights 2023 - 2024

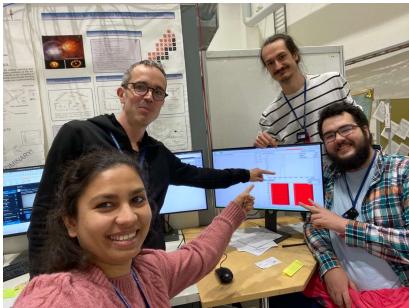
Not only contamination...



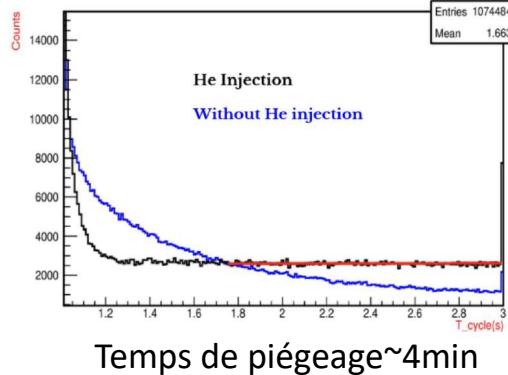
Stability problems resolved

Some happy events in 2023-2024

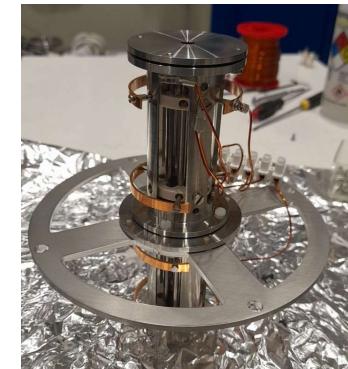
Piégeage des ions ^{23}Na ions pendant 11s



Evaporation des ions ^{23}Na piégés sur détecteurs d'ions de recul



Soutenances de thèses

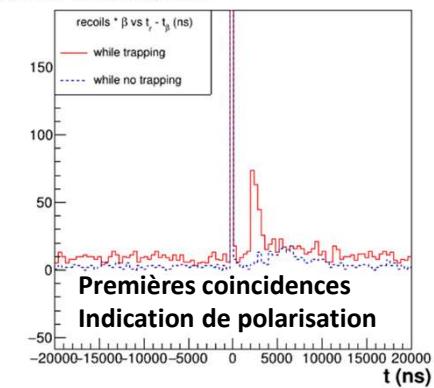


Origine de la contamination



Happy students at Les Houches School + Platan24, EMIS23, TCP22

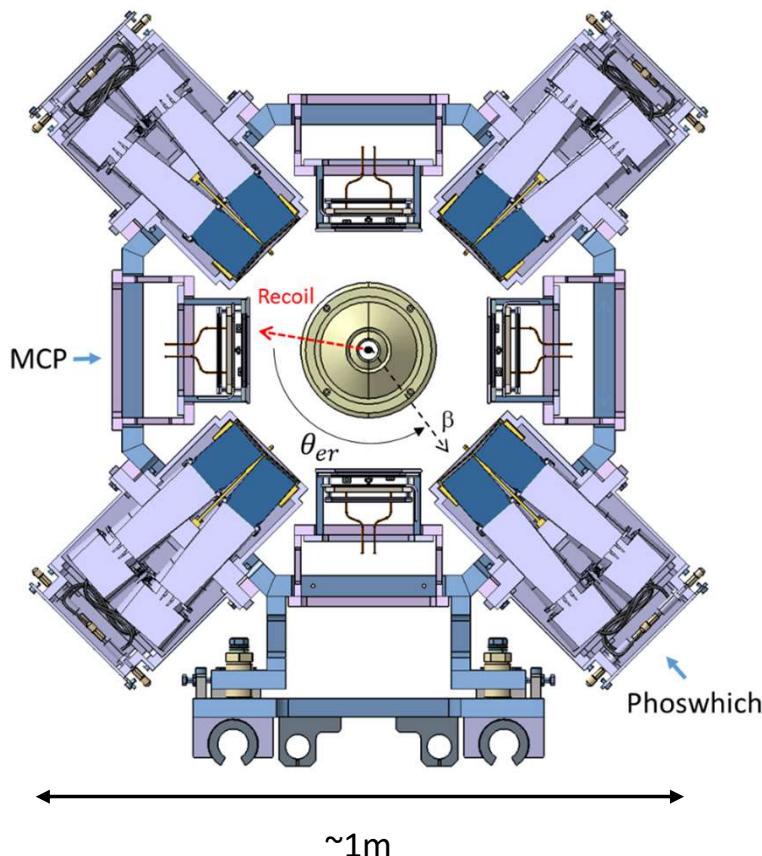
Number of coincidences





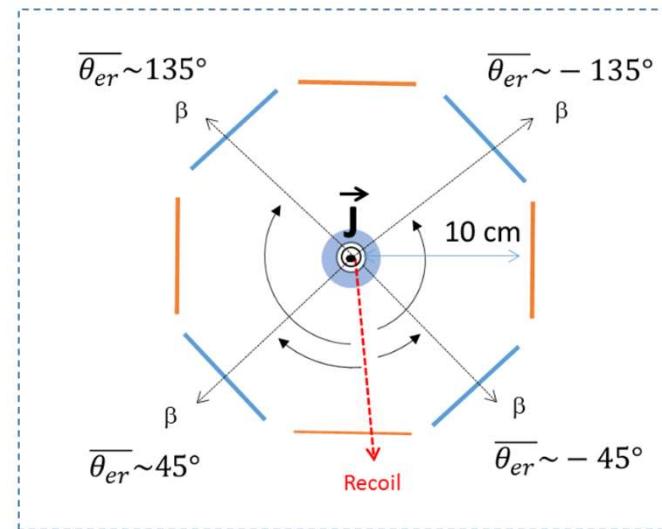
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MORA: measurement principle



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In trap optical polarization



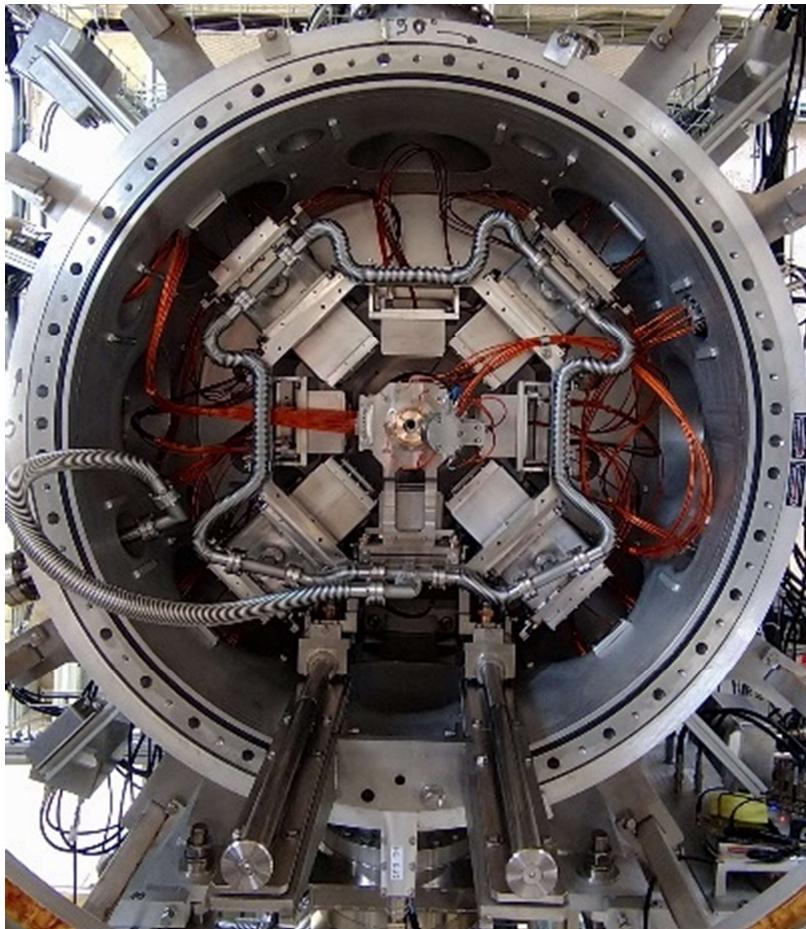
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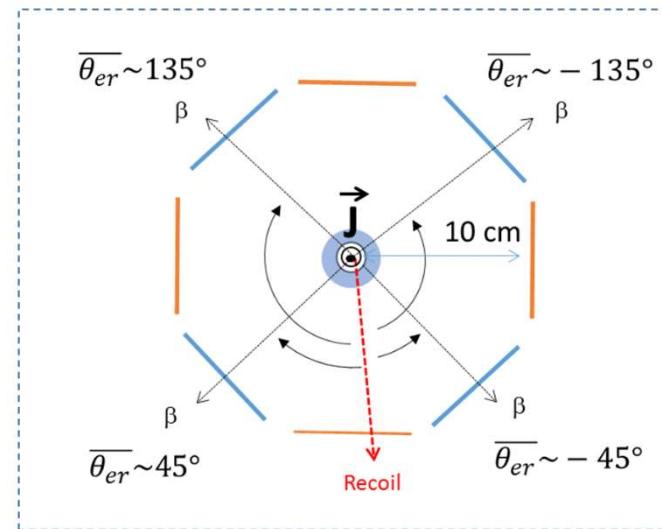
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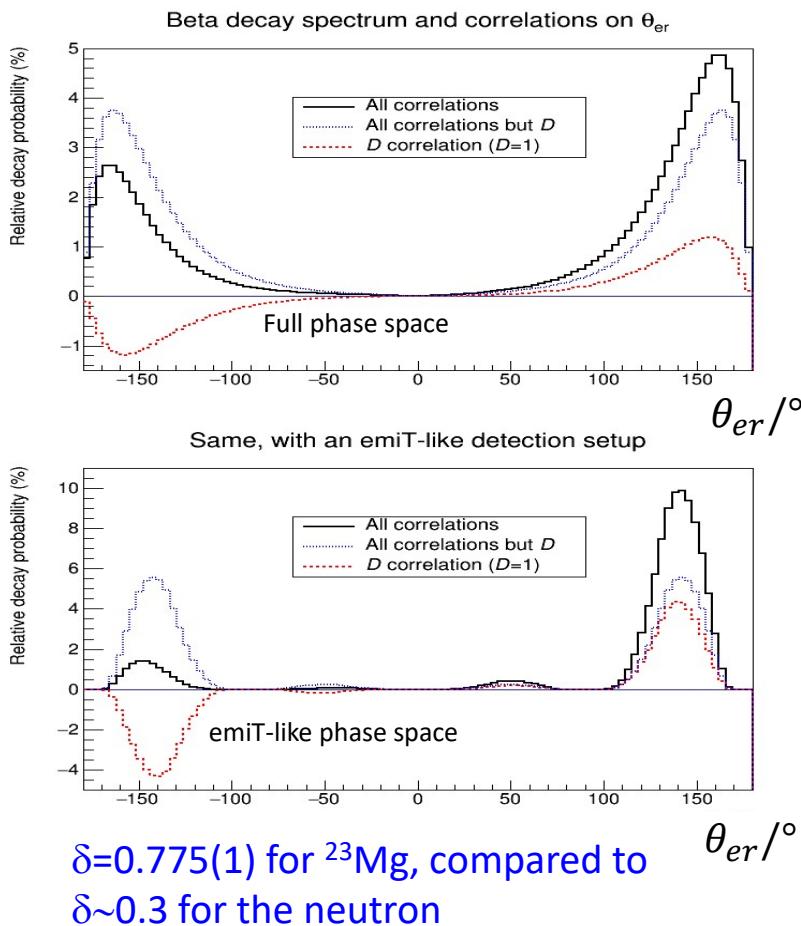
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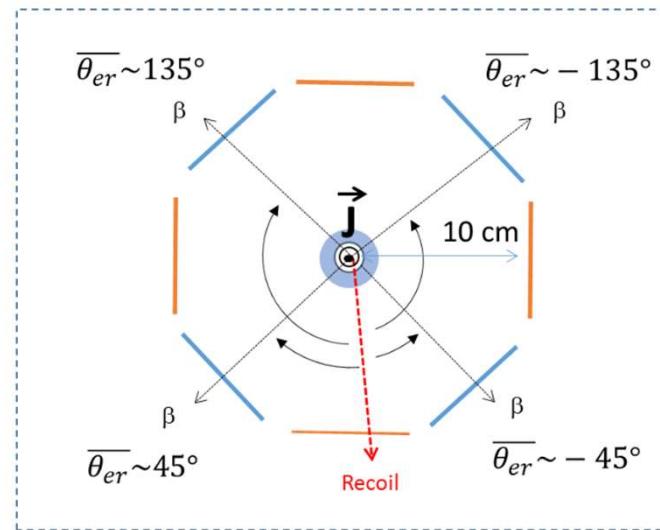
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MORA: sensitivity challenges

$$D \cong \left(\delta \cdot P \cdot \sqrt{N_{coinc}^{+45^\circ} + N_{coinc}^{+135^\circ} + N_{coinc}^{-45^\circ} + N_{coinc}^{-135^\circ}} \right)^{-1}$$

Place and type of measurement	Trapped ions /cycle	Decays/s	Meas. time (days)	Detected coincidences (P)	σ_p stat (%)	Detected coincidences (D)	σ_D
JYFL: P - 23Mg	2,00E+04	1,23E+03	8	1,7E+05	1,9E+00	1,5E+06	1,0E-03
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JYFL: D - 39Ca	2,00E+04	1,61E+04	32	9,2E+06	2,0E-02	8,1E+07	1,4E-04
DESIR: D - 23Mg	5,00E+06	3,07E+05	24	1,3E+08	6,9E-02	1,2E+09	3,8E-05
DESIR: D - 39Ca	5,00E+06	4,03E+06	24	1,7E+09	1,5E-03	1,5E+10	1,0E-05

So far statistical uncertainties have dominated, over systematic uncertainties

See for ex.: $D_n = (-0.94 \pm 1.89 \pm 0.97) \cdot 10^{-4}$

emiT collaboration, PRL 107, 102301 (2011), Phys. Rev. C 86 (2012) 035505

Provided that

- Trapping capacity is attained
- Efficient laser polarization is demonstrated
- Systematic effects are kept under control

→ Below $5 \cdot 10^{-5}$ is feasible

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- Specific New Physics models \rightarrow Interest for $\sim 10^{-5}$ measurement
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 - M. J. Ramsey-Musolf et J. C. Vasquez, «Left-right symmetry and electric dipole moments. A global analysis,» arXiv:2012.02799 [hep-ph], 2020.
 - via the LQ model
 - Thorough investigation undertaken at IJClab by Adam Falkowski and Antonio Rodriguez-Sanchez
 - «On the sensitivity of the D parameter to new physics », [arXiv:2207.02161](https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.02161)
 - Presentation at MORA workshop <https://indico.in2p3.fr/event/25986/>
 - Severe constraints for CP violating terms from EDM, pion decay and high energy searches
 - But D is also sensitive to exotic non-CP violating terms via recoil-order corrections



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MORA: Best candidates for D measurement



$$D \equiv \sin(\varphi_{AV}) \cdot \underbrace{\frac{2\rho}{1+\rho^2} \cdot \left(\frac{J}{J+1} \right)^{1/2}}_{F(X)}$$

Sensitivity to CP violating phase between V and A currents

Search for New Physics

- **Direct constraints** on CP-violating Wilson coefficients in the nucleon-level EFT
 - via the L-R symmetric model
 - via the LQ model

Neutron and mirror nuclei ($N=Z-1$): strong mixed (GT+ Fermi) transitions between analog states

MORA: Alkali earth elements for in trap laser ion polarization

1st candidate; 10^5 pps from JYFL 2nd candidate, R&D for ISOL
 $>10^8$ pps from SPIRAL 1 production required

	n	^{19}Ne	^{23}Mg	^{35}Ar	^{39}Ca
Sensitivity $F(X)$	0,43	-0,52	-0,65	0,41	0,71
D_1 ($\times 10^{-4}$)	0,108	2,326	1,904	0,386	-0,489
D_2 ($\times 10^{-4}$)	0,023	0,169	0,099	0,010	-0,024

10⁷ pps requested

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Best measurement so far, *statistics limited*

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Callan and Treiman, Phys. Rev. 162(1967)1494.
 Chen, Phys. Rev. 185(1969)2003.