Probing Fundamental Symmetries via Precision Correlation measurements of β Decay





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This correlation is quadratic in the couplings...not as sensitive as the Fierz parameter, which is linear:

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

see González-Alonso and Naviliat-Čunčić, arXiv:1607.08347!



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The Beta-decay Paul Trap (BPT) @ ANL



- Ions confined with electric fields (RF radially, DC axially)
- Ions cooled with buffer gas $(\sim 10^{-5} \text{ Torr})$
- **\bullet** Up to 10^6 ions stored in trap



- Large (~ 30%) solid angle for detectors
- Currently DSSSD + scintillators; past used MCPs and HPGes



⁸Li/⁸B in the BPT



- Nearly pure Gamow-Teller \Leftrightarrow sensitive to A, T
- MeV charged particles \Rightarrow easier to measure
- Solution States and the set of t
- $3 \times$ enhancement using $\beta \nu \alpha$ correlation



BPT Results



Sternberg et al., PRL 115, 182501 (2015)

- Mature program with $a_{\beta\nu}$ measured to 0.4% in ⁸Li
- Similar stats for ⁸B collected
- "0.1% within sight..."



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Doppler shape of delayed proton





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A Penning trap at T-REX CI/TAMU





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Status in 2013































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*Spokepersons

- Goal: measure "little a" to 0.1% in ⁶He
 - pure Gamow-Teller decay
 - sensitive to tensor couplings
 - simple nuclear and atomic structure
- Laser cooling and trapping to prepare ⁶He source
- Detect electron and ⁶Li in coincidence
- △E-E scintillator system for electron detection (energy, start of time-of-flight)
- Micro-channel plate detector for ⁶Li detection (position, time-of-flight)

⁶He Trap/Detector Chamber



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Laser trapping:

All systems working and efficiencies enough for a determination of little-a at the 1% within 3 days (including calibrations)!

Status:

Presently working on systematic uncertainties. Aiming for $\Delta a/a < 1\%$ in near future. Ultimate goal: 0.1% uncertainty. 6He Source: Reliable source of ~10¹⁰ ⁶He's/s in lowbackground environment <u>A High-Intensity Source of 6He Atoms</u> for Fundamental Research A. Knecht et al. NIM A. 660, 43 (2011)

Example of data taken recently: E_{β} versus TOF which yields $\Delta a/a \leq 1\%$.

⁶He b Measurement @ UW

- M. Fertl¹, A. Garcia¹, M. Guigue⁴, P. Kammel¹, A. Leredde², P. Mueller², R.G.H. Robertson¹, G. Rybka¹, G. Savard², D. Stancil³, M. Sternberg¹, H.E. Swanson¹, B.A. Vandeevender⁴, A. Young³
- ¹University of Washington, ²Argonne National Lab, ³North Carolina State University, ⁴Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
- Goal: measure "little b" to 10⁻³ or better in ⁶He
 - Highest sensitivity to tensor couplings
- Determine shape of beta spectrum in search for tensor couplings.
- Use Cyclotron Radiation Electron Spectroscopy. Similar to Project 8 setup for tritium decay but need to extend the technique to higher energy betas and to a precision determination of a continuum spectrum. Non trivial: under development.
- In 1 day of running would determine b one order of magnitude better than any previous experiment.

Decay rate: C_T and C_T ' represent the new physics. C_A is the usual axial coupling constant for Weak Int.

$$dw = dw_0 \left[1 + a \frac{\overrightarrow{p_e}}{E_e} \cdot \frac{\overrightarrow{p_v}}{E_v} + b \frac{\Gamma m_e}{E_e} \right]$$
$$a \approx -\frac{1}{3} \frac{2|C_A|^2 - |C_T|^2 + |C_T|^2}{2|C_A|^2 + |C_T|^2 + |C_T|^2}$$
$$b \approx \frac{\operatorname{Re}[2C_A(C_T + C_T)]}{2|C_A|^2 + |C_T|^2 + |C_T|^2}$$

Little-*b* is called "Fierz interference" and depends linearly on the new couplings. This makes it a more sensitive probe of the new physics.

Almost as simple as $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$:

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$$\begin{array}{c} Q_{EC}: \pm 0.003\% \\ BR: \pm 0.14\% \\ t_{1/2}: \pm 0.57\% \end{array} \right\} \mathcal{F}t = 4562(28) \Rightarrow$$

$$\rho = 0.5874(71)$$

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The measurement chamber

- Shake-off e[−] detection ~ know decay occured from trap
- Better control of OP beams
 Iess heating, higher P
- $B_{quad} \rightarrow B_{OP}$ quickly: AC-MOT \rightsquigarrow better duty cycle, higher polarization
- Increased β/recoil solid angles
 → better statistics
- Stronger E-field (one day...)
 → better separation of charge states, higher statistics

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Atomic measurement of P

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Sourco	$\Delta P [\times 10^{-4}]$		$\Delta T [\times 10^{-4}]$	
Source	σ^{-}	σ^+	σ^{-}	σ^+
Systematics				
Initial alignment	3	3	10	8
Global fit vs. average	2	2	7	6
Uncertainty on $s_3^{ m out}$	1	2	11	5
Cloud temperature	2	0.5	3	2
Binning	1	1	4	3
Uncertainty in B_z	0.5	3	2	7
Initial polarization	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.4
Require $\mathcal{I}_+ = \mathcal{I}$	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Total systematic	5	5	17	14
Statistics	7	6	21	17
Total uncertainty	9	8	27	22















Just the raw data; a slight lower-energy cut to get rid of 511s



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Requiring a shake-off $e^- \Rightarrow$ decay occured from trap!



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Requiring a ΔE coincidence \Rightarrow remove γ s





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Put in all the basic analysis cuts \Rightarrow clean spectrum!!





Energy Spectrum Compared to GEANT4





A Test of Backscattering

Although we're not very sensitive to backscattering (relatively speaking)...



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Asymmetry Measurement (briefly)





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A_{β} Error Budget

Source		Corr	Uncert [$\times 10^{-4}$]
Backgrounds		1.0013	7
Trap parameters	position		4
	velocity		5
	temp, width		1
Thresholds/cuts	ΔE pos		5
	ΔE energy agreement		2
	ΔE threshold		1
	E threshold		0.3
G4 phys list			4
Shake-off e^- TOF			3
$E + \Delta E$			1
E calibration			0.1
Total systematics			12
Statistical			13
Polarization			9
Total uncertainty			20



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Low-energy Work Complements the LHC







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- As we all know, SM is fantastic, but not our "ultimate" theory
- Many exciting avenues to find more a complete model
- One of the low-energy approaches: precision measurement of correlation parameters
- Ion traps + RIB = cool physics
- Atom traps + RIB [+ opt. pumping] = cool physics
- Fun (but demanding) stuff that complements the "brute force" approach



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