



Improving CKM Unitarity Limits via Low-Energy Nuclear Physics

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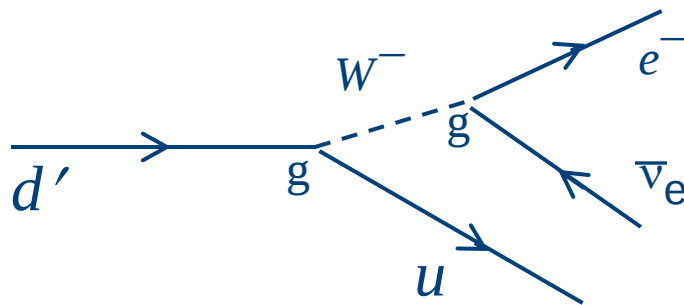
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The Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa (CKM) matrix

- The CKM matrix plays a central role in the Standard Model and underpins all quark flavour-changing interactions:
 - weak interaction eigenstates $\neq$ quark mass eigenstates



$$\begin{pmatrix} d' \\ s' \\ b' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

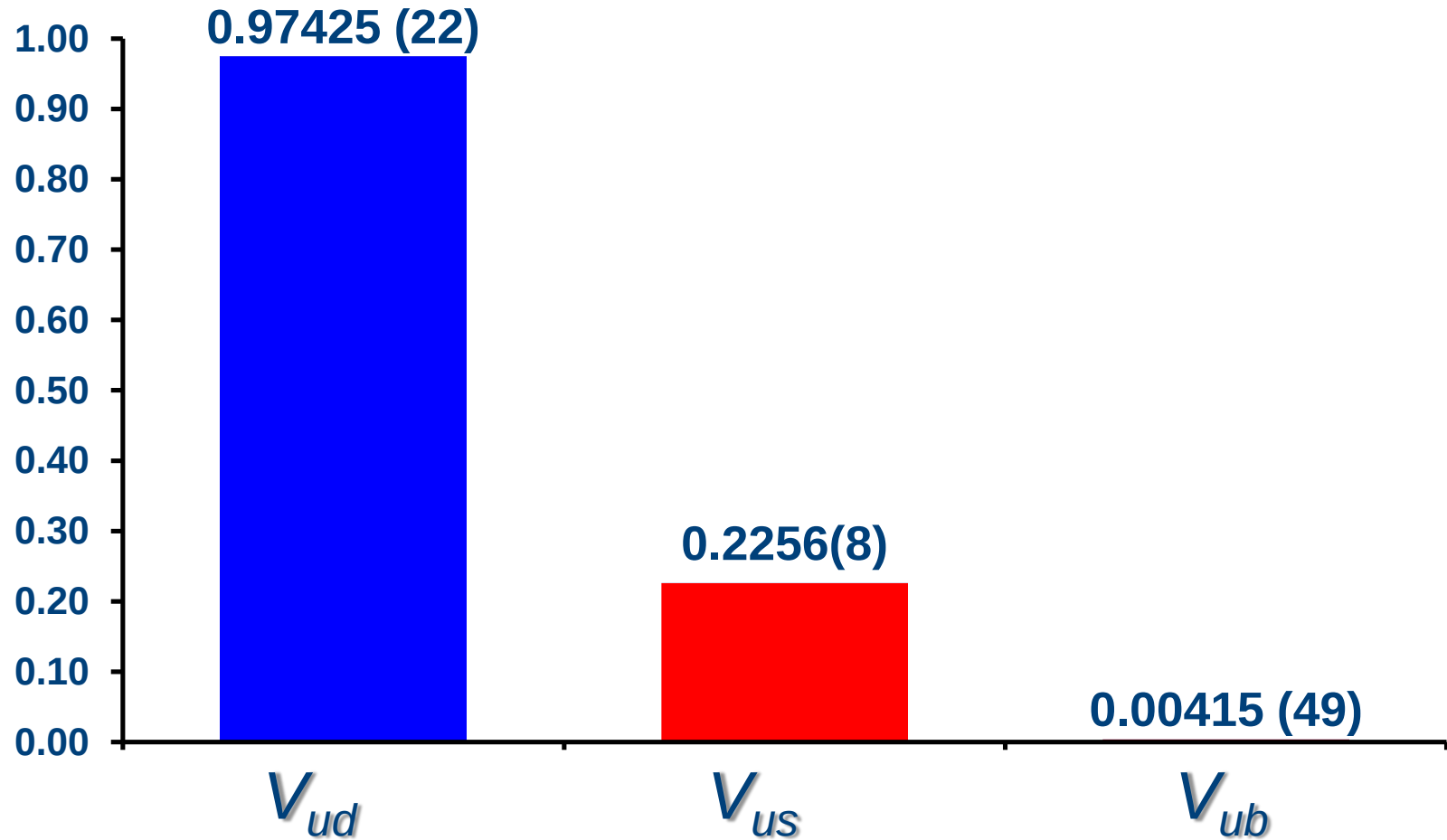
$$|d'\rangle = V_{ud}|d\rangle + V_{us}|s\rangle + V_{ub}|b\rangle$$

- In the Standard Model the CKM describes a unitary transformation.

$$V_{ud}^2 + V_{us}^2 + V_{ub}^2 = 1$$

The first row of the CKM matrix provides, by far, the most demanding experimental test of this unitarity condition.

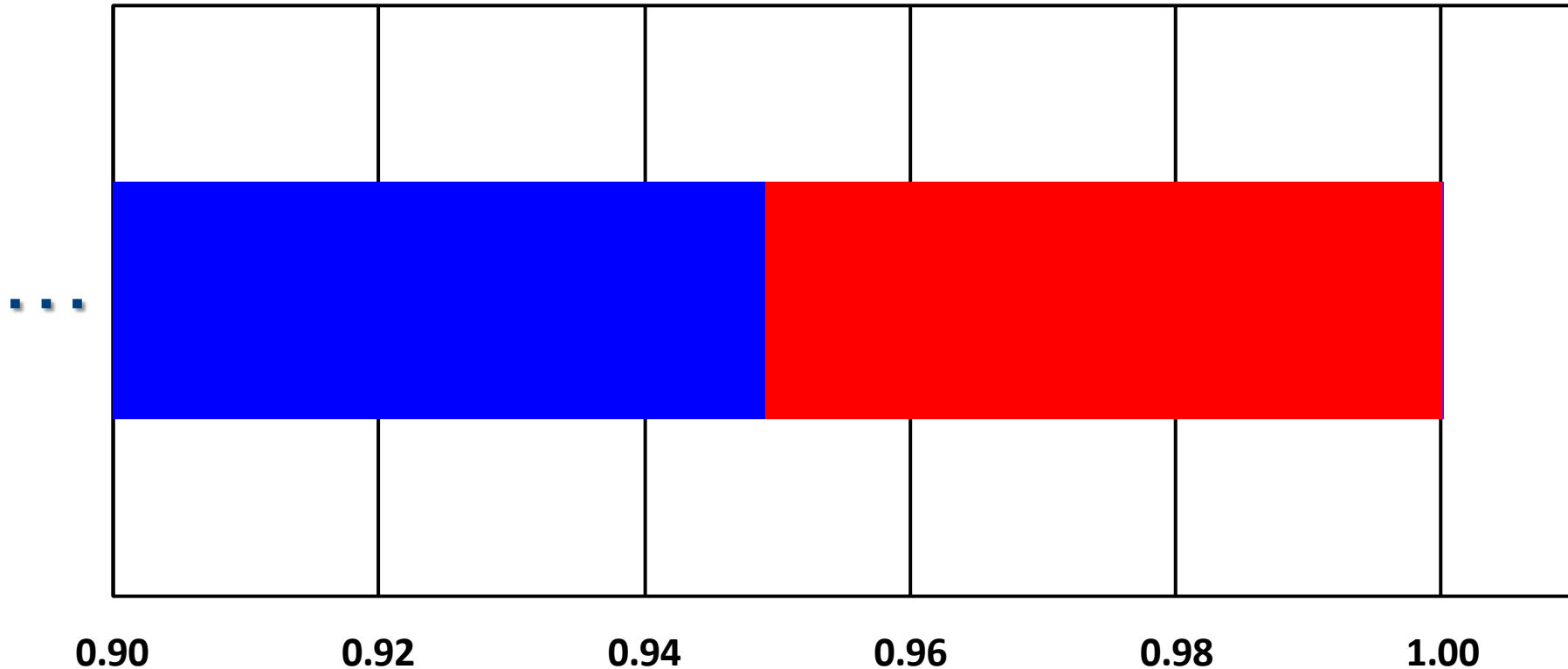
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■ V_{ud} ■ V_{us} ■ V_{ub}



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New Lattice QCD Form Factor Calculations for V_{us}

R.J. Dowdall et al., Phys. Rev. D 88, 074504 (2013)

$K^+ \rightarrow l\nu / \pi^+ \rightarrow l\nu$ (HPQCD Collaboration)

$$|V_{us}| = 0.22564(53)$$

$$|V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 = 1.00009(43)_{Vud}(24)_{Vus}$$

A. Bazavov et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 112, 112001 (2014)

$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ l\nu$ (Fermilab Lattice and MILC Collaborations)

$$|V_{us}| = 0.22290(90)$$

$$|V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 = 0.99885(43)_{Vud}(40)_{Vus}$$

V_{ud} from Superallowed Fermi β Decay

To first order, β decay ft values can be expressed as:

$$ft = \frac{K}{|M_{fi}|^2 g^2}$$

phase space (Q-value) $\rightarrow$ ft
 half-life, branching ratio $\rightarrow$ ft
 K $\leftarrow$ constants
 $|M_{fi}|^2$ $\leftarrow$ matrix element
 g^2 $\leftarrow$ Weak coupling strength

For the special case of $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ (pure Fermi) β decays between isobaric analogue states (superallowed) the matrix element is that of an isospin ladder operator:

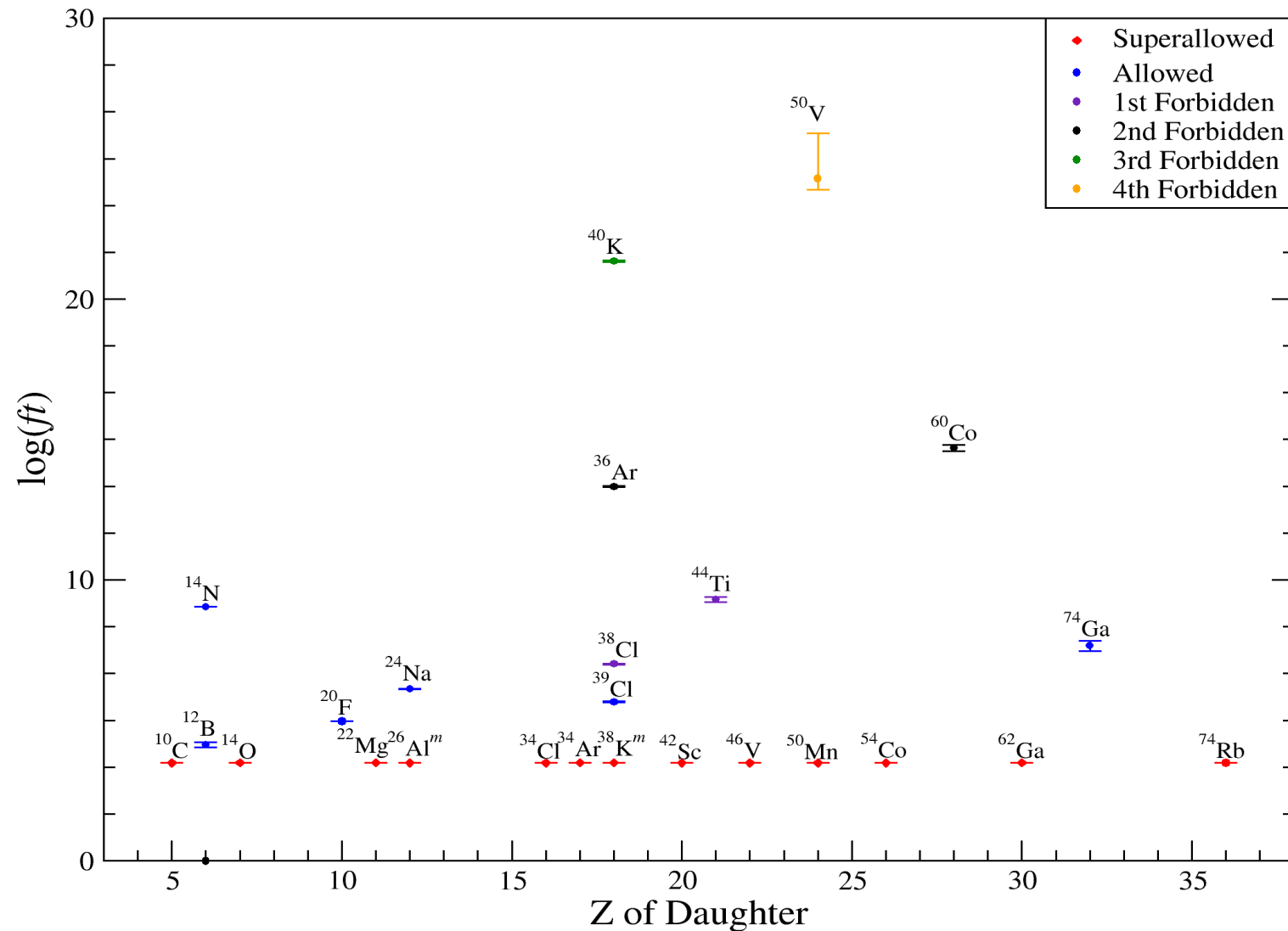
$$|M_{fi}|^2 = (T - T_z)(T + T_z + 1) = 2 \quad (\text{for } T=1)$$

Strategy: Measure superallowed ft-values, deduce G_V and V_{ud} :

$$G_V^2 = \frac{K}{2 ft} \quad |V_{ud}| = G_V / G_F$$

Vector coupling constant $\rightarrow$ G_V^2
 Fermi coupling constant $\leftarrow$ G_F

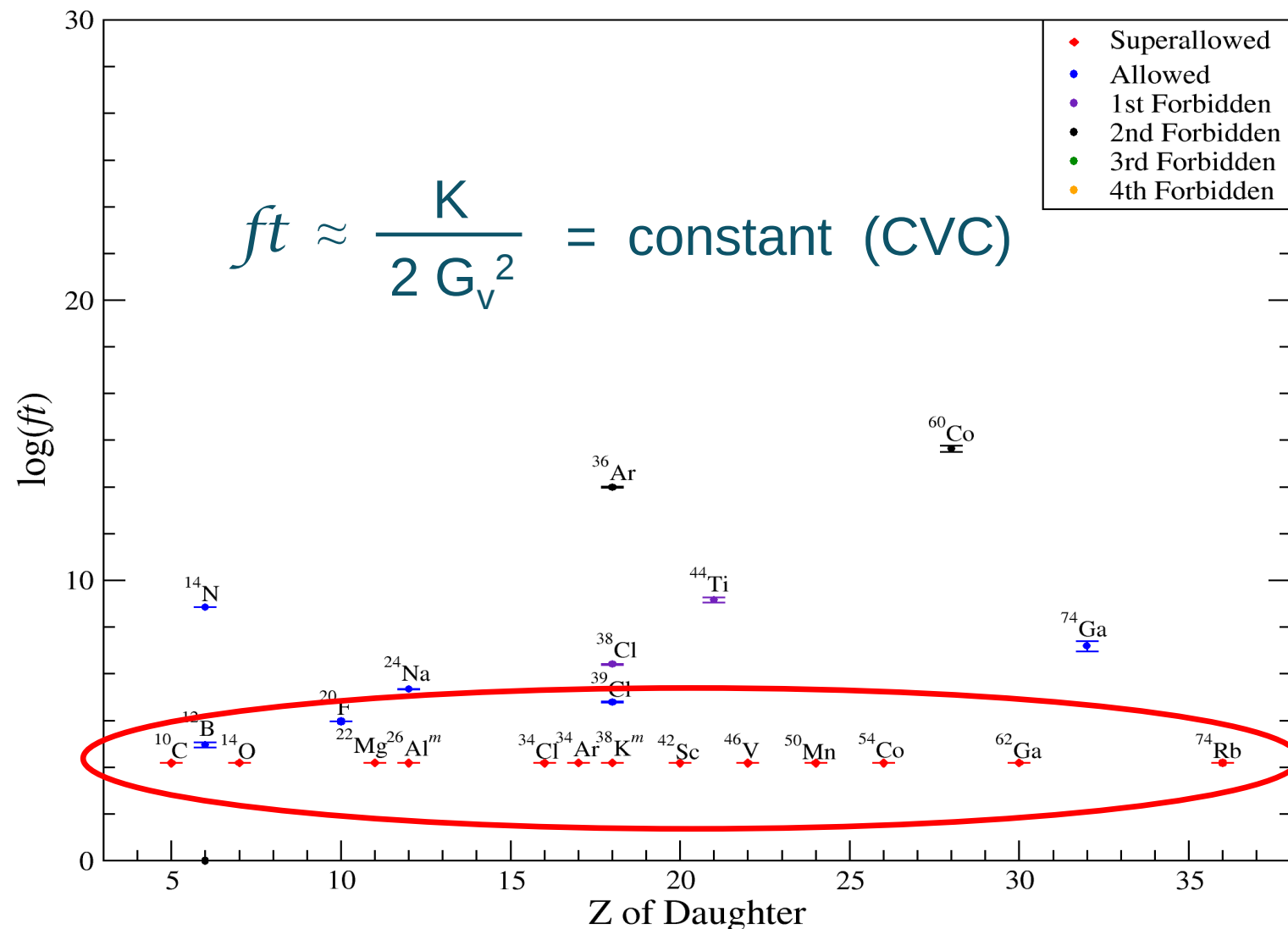
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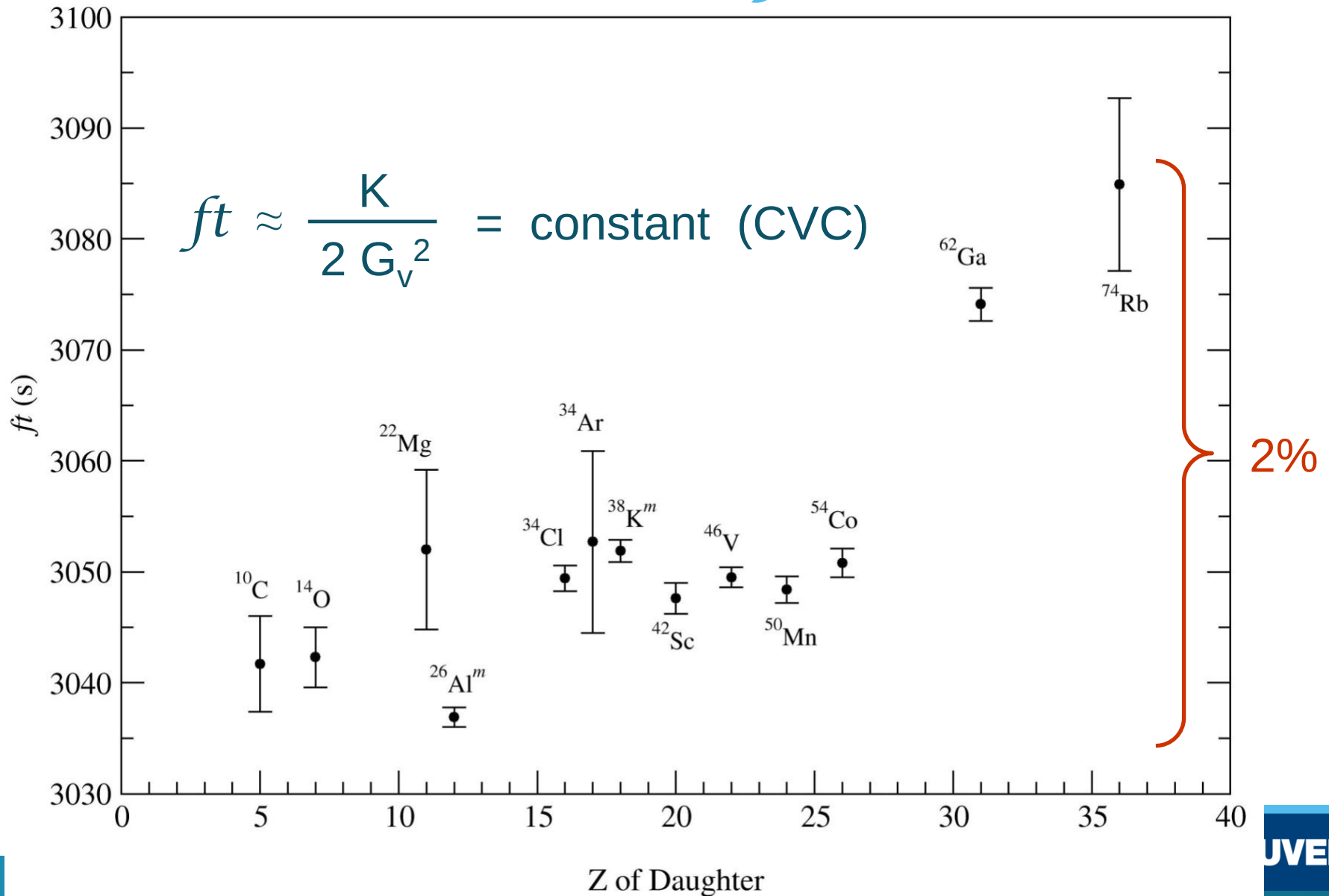


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Superaligned ft -values

$$ft \approx \frac{K}{2 G_V^2} = \text{constant (CVC)}$$



Superaligned Fermi β Decay: Corrections

$$\mathcal{F}t = ft(1 + \delta'_R)(1 + \delta_{NS} - \delta_C) = \frac{K}{2G_V^2(1 + \Delta_R^V)} = \text{constant}$$

- $\mathcal{F}t$: "Corrected" ft value
- ft : Experiment
- δ'_R : Calculated corrections ($\sim 1\%$) (nucleus dependent)
- δ_{NS} : Calculated corrections ($\sim 1\%$) (nucleus dependent)
- δ_C : Calculated corrections ($\sim 1\%$) (nucleus dependent)
- Δ_R^V : Inner radiative correction ($\sim 2.4\%$) (nucleus independent)
- constant: CVC Hypothesis

Δ_R^V = nucleus independent inner radiative correction: 2.361(38)%

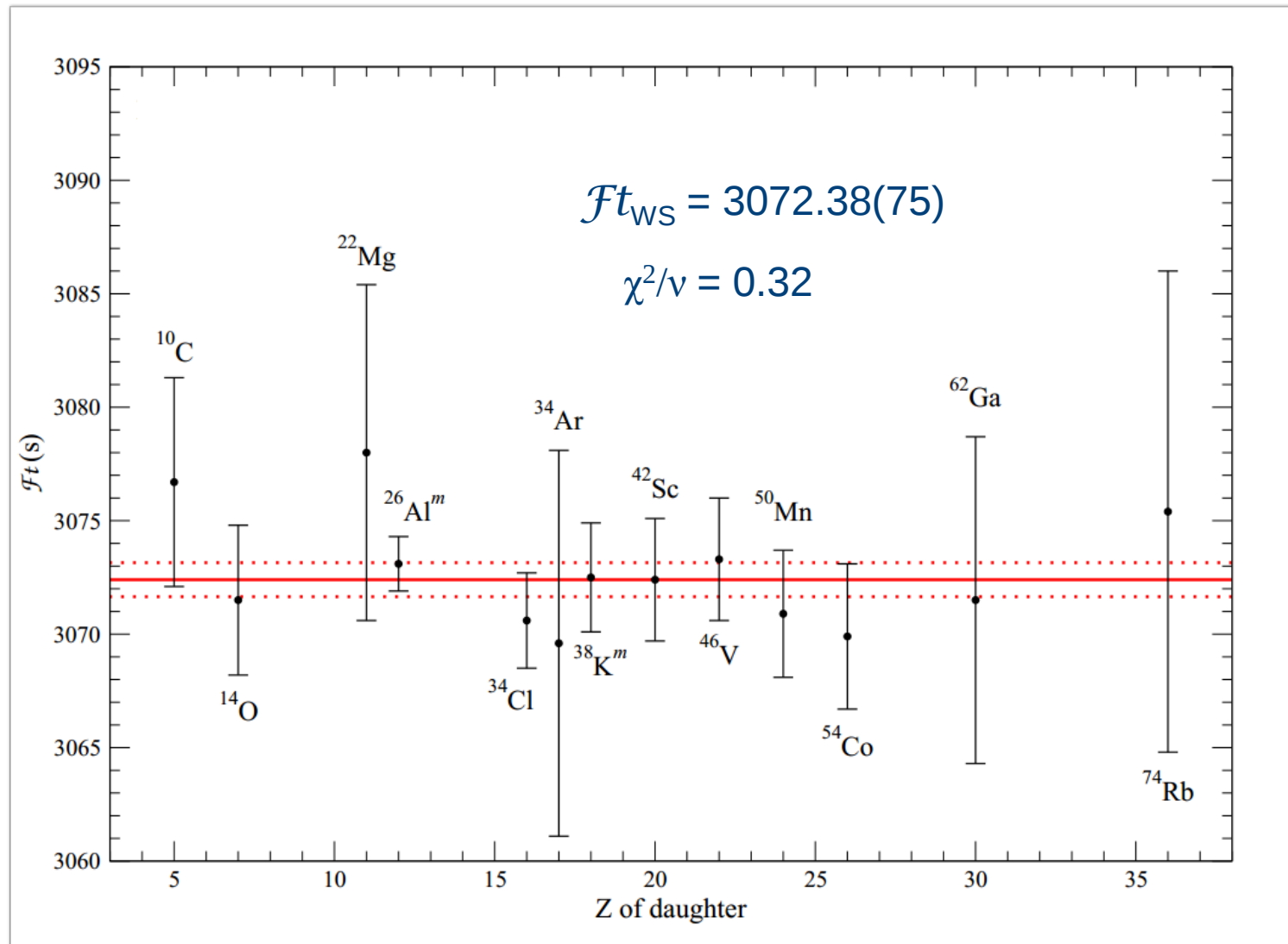
δ'_R = nucleus dependent radiative correction to order $Z^2\alpha^3$: $\sim 1.4\%$
 - depends on electron's energy and Z of nucleus

δ_{NS} = nuclear structure dependent radiative correction: $-0.3\% - 0.03\%$

δ_C = nucleus dependent isospin-symmetry-breaking correction: $0.2\% - 1.5\%$
 - strong nuclear structure dependence

$$\delta_C = \delta_{C1} + \delta_{C2} \text{ (isospin mixing plus radial overlap)}$$

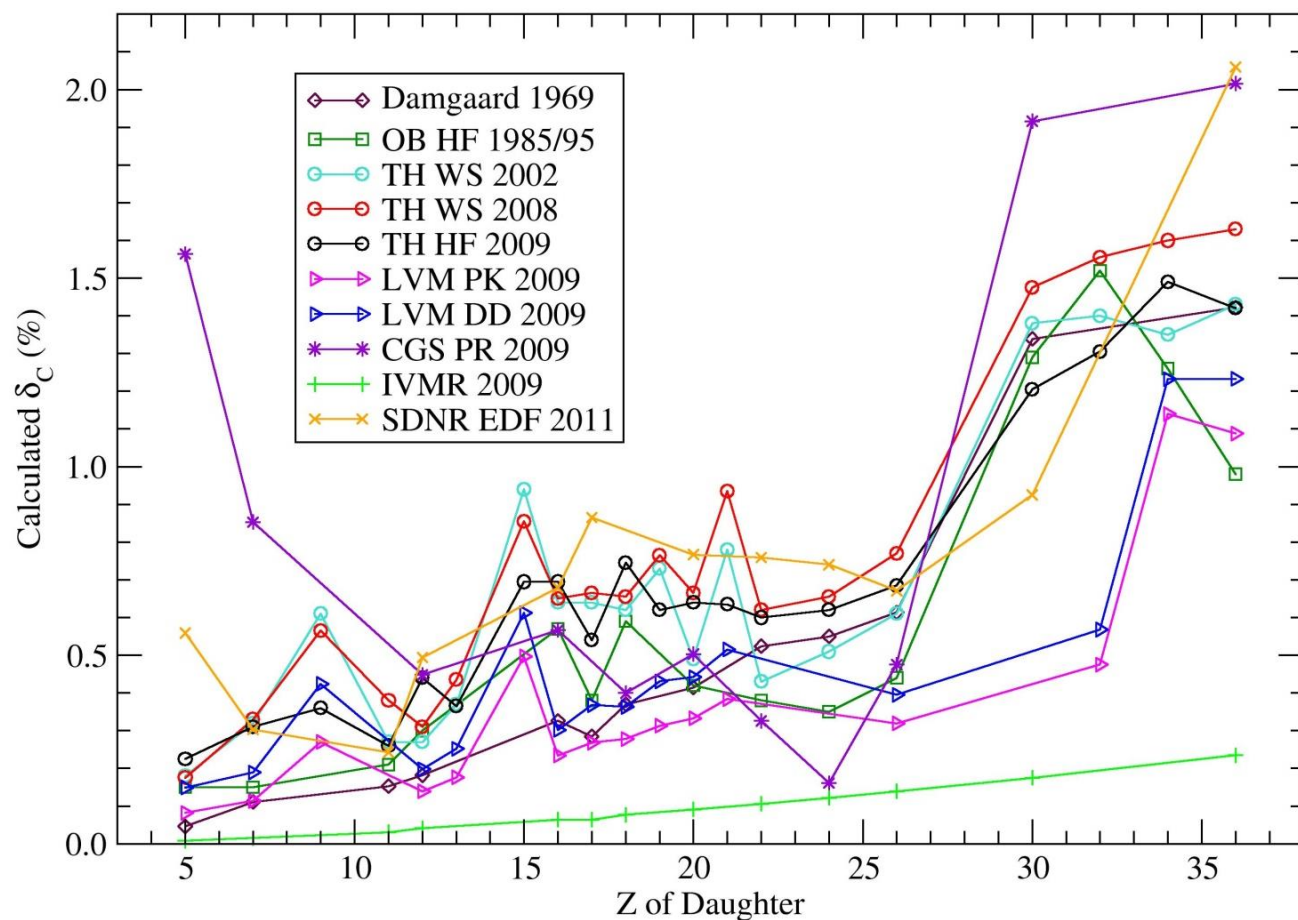
Corrected Superaligned $\mathcal{F}t$ Values



Theoretical Treatment of δ_C

Many recent approaches to ISB corrections

- Nuclear Shell Model
- Relativistic Hartree-Fock
- Random Phase Approximation
- Energy Density Functional



Superallowed β Decay Studies at TRIUMF

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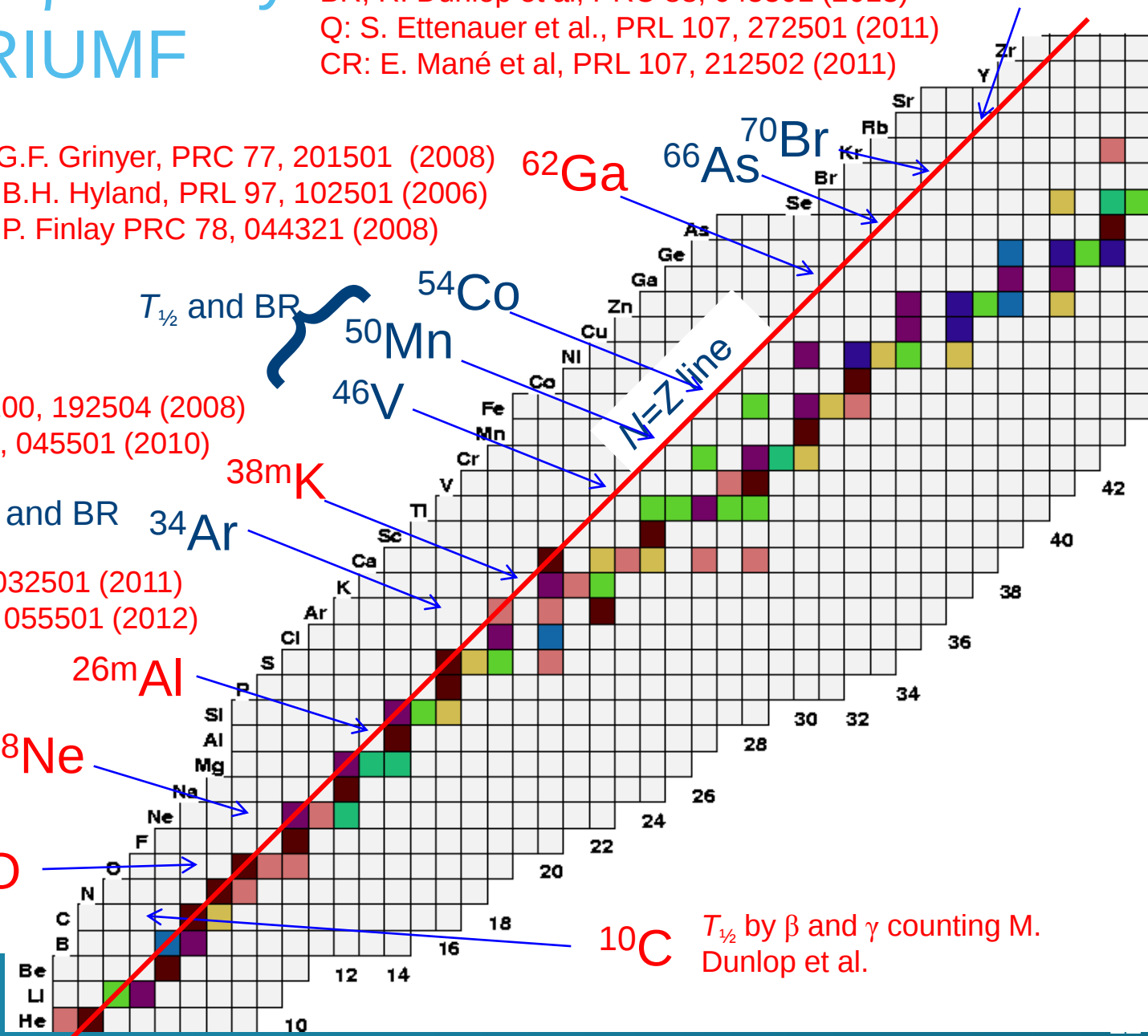
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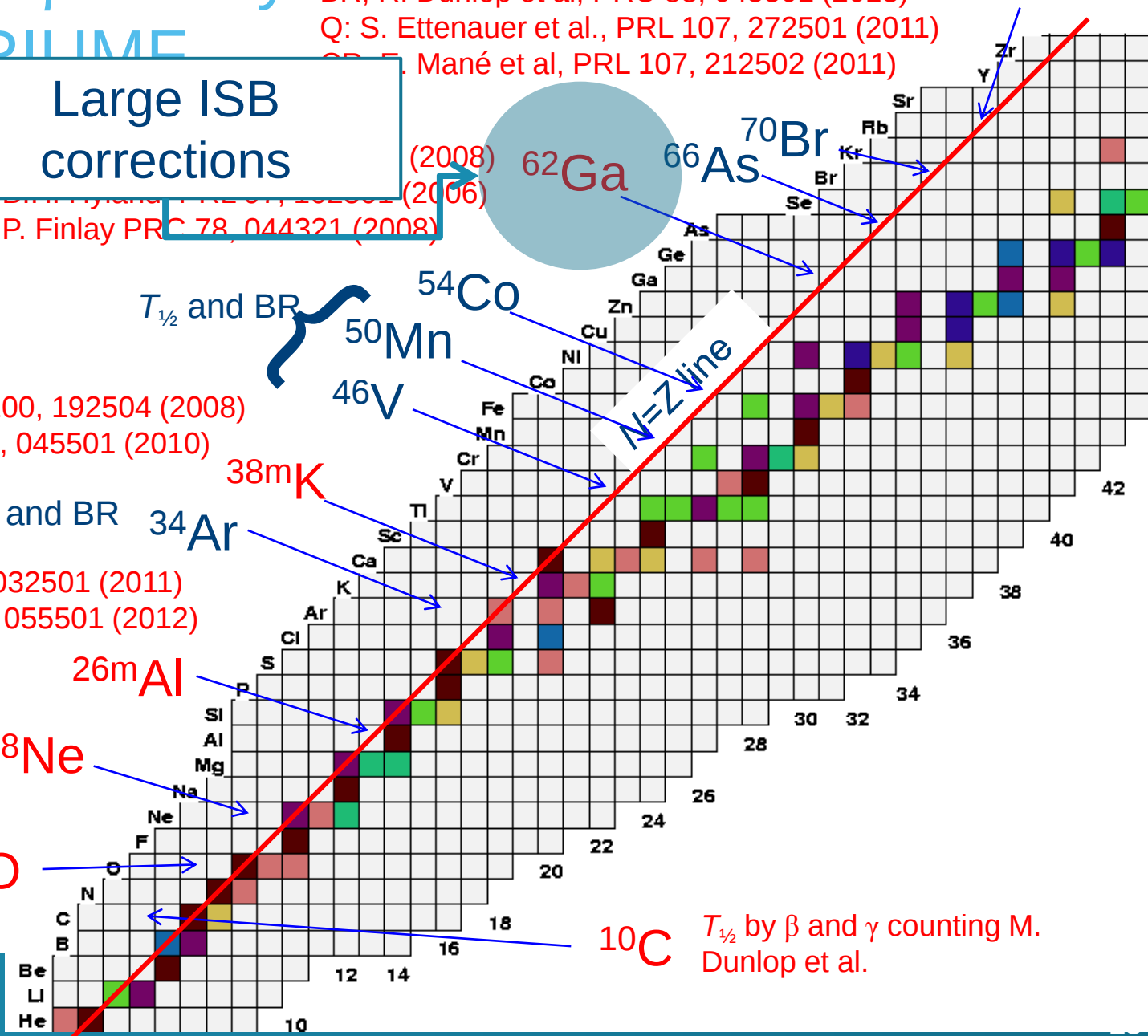
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Superaligned Beta Decay of Nuclei with $A \geq 62$: The Limiting Effect of Weak Gamow-Teller Branches

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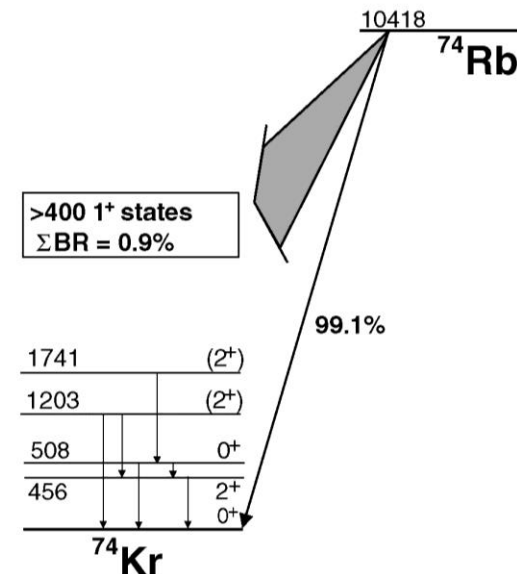
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The most precise value of V_{ud} , which is obtained from superallowed nuclear β decay, leads to a violation of Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa unitarity by 2.2σ . Experiments are underway on two continents to test and improve this result through decay studies of odd-odd $N = Z$ nuclei with $A \geq 62$. We show, in a series of illustrative shell-model calculations, that numerous weak Gamow-Teller branches are expected to compete with the superallowed branch in each of these nuclei. Though the total Gamow-Teller strength is significant, many of the individual branches will be unobservably weak. Thus, new techniques must be developed if reliable f_t values are to be obtained with 0.1% precision for the superallowed branches.

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- For large Q -value β decays, there are generally many weak β branches to the large number of daughter states within the Q -value window.
- In the subsequent γ decay, many individual γ -rays may be too weak to identify.
- The sum of these unobserved γ intensities will, however, generally be sufficient to prevent precision determination of β decay branching ratios through γ -ray spectroscopy.

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Controlling Pandemonium via 2^+ “Collector” States

$$I'_{gs} = 0.1338(26)\%$$

Direct β feeding of 2^+ states is negligible

$$I'_{2+} = 0.0199(29) \%$$

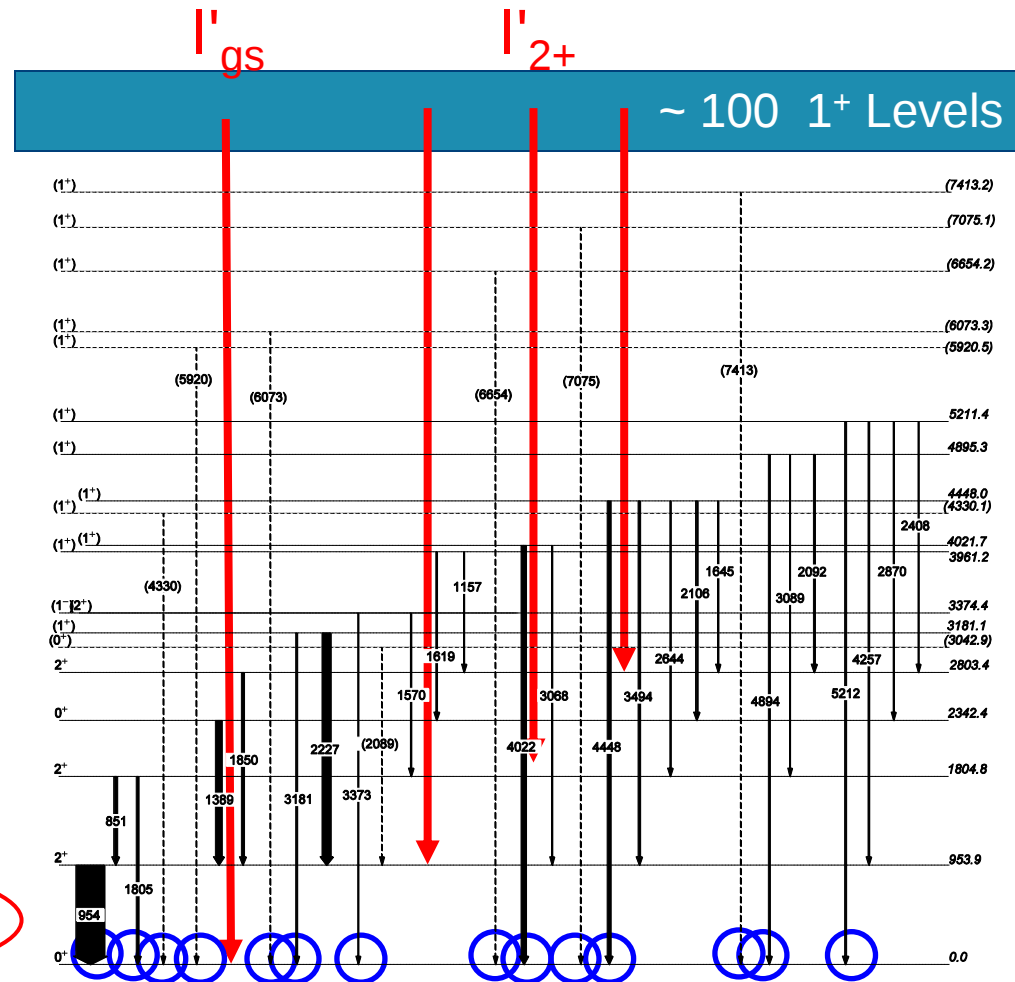
$$B_{gs} = I'_{gs} / (I'_{gs} + I'_{2+})$$

Expt + Shell Model:

$$B_{gs} = 0.20(20)$$

$$I'_{gs} = 0.008(8) \%$$

$$\text{SBR} = 99.859(8) \%$$



Isospin-Symmetry-Breaking Corrections for ^{62}Ga

$$\overline{Ft} = 3071.6(8)$$

$$\delta_C = 1 - \frac{\overline{Ft}}{ft(1+\delta_R)} = 1.48(5)_{ft-Ft}(9)_{\delta_R} \%$$

$$\checkmark \delta_C = 1.48(16) \%$$

I.S. Towner and J.C. Hardy, Phys. Rev. C **66**, 035501 (2002)

$$\overline{Ft} = 3075.6(8)$$

$$\delta_C = 1 - \frac{\overline{Ft}}{ft(1+\delta_R)}$$

$$\checkmark \delta_C = 1.26\% - 1.32\% \quad (\text{Hartree-Fock})$$

$$\times \delta_C = 1.60\% - 1.70\% \quad (\text{Woods-Saxon})$$

W.E. Ormand and B.A. Brown, Phys. Rev. C **52**, 2455 (1995)

$$= 1.35(5)_{ft-Ft}(9)_{\delta_R} \%$$

Isospin Mixing Components δ_{c1}^n

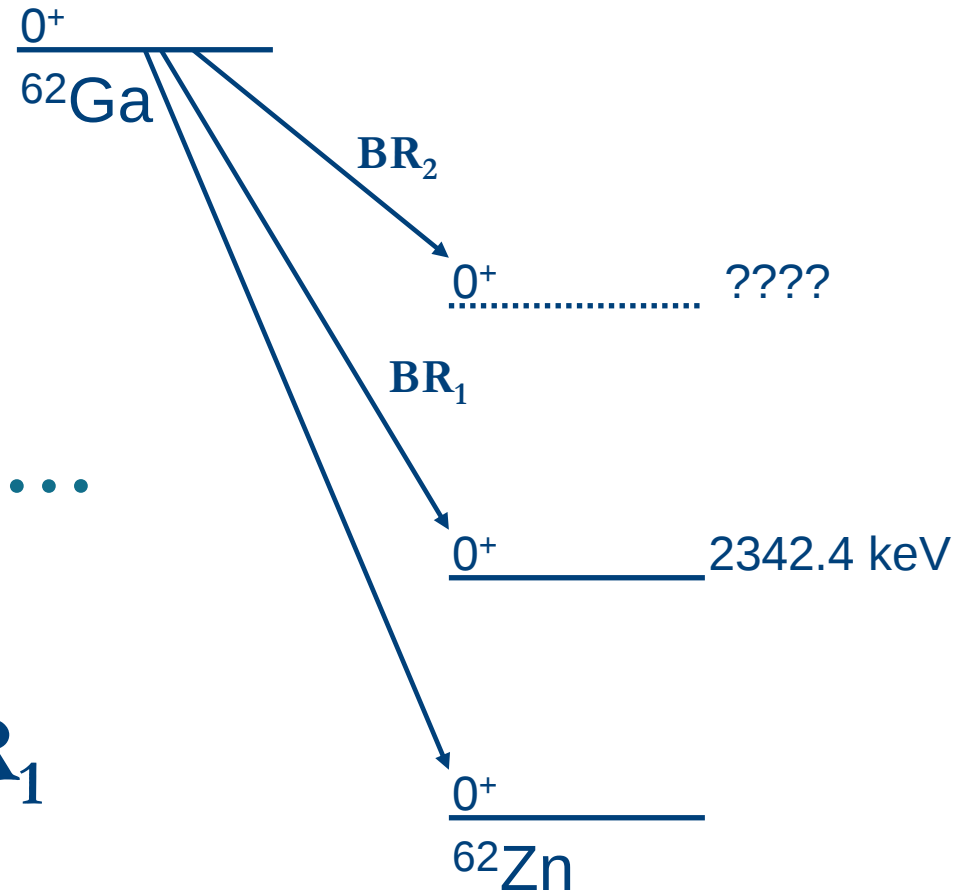
configuration mixing radial overlap

$$\delta_c = \delta_{c1} + \delta_{c2}$$

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$$\delta_{c1} = \delta_{c1}^1 + \delta_{c1}^2 + \dots$$

$$\delta_{c1}^1 = (f_0/f_1)BR_1$$



Isospin Mixing Components

$$BR_1 = 77(12) \text{ ppm} \quad (f_0/f_1) = 4.91$$

$$\delta^1_{C_1} = (f_0/f_1)BR_1 \\ \leq 0.038(6) \%$$

$$\times \delta^1_{C_1} = 0.085(20) \%$$

$$\times \delta^1_{C_1} = 0.079 \% \quad (\text{FPVH})$$

$$\times \delta^1_{C_1} = 0.169 \% \quad (\text{FPD6})$$

$$BR_3 = 12(5) \text{ ppm} \quad (f_0/f_3) = 8.92$$

$$\delta^3_{C_1} = (f_0/f_3)BR_3 \\ \leq 0.011(4) \%$$

$$\times BR_3 = 217 \text{ ppm} \\ \delta^3_{C_1} = 0.193 \%$$

Recent $^{64}\text{Zn}(p,t)^{62}\text{Zn}$ – Where is the 0_1^+ ?

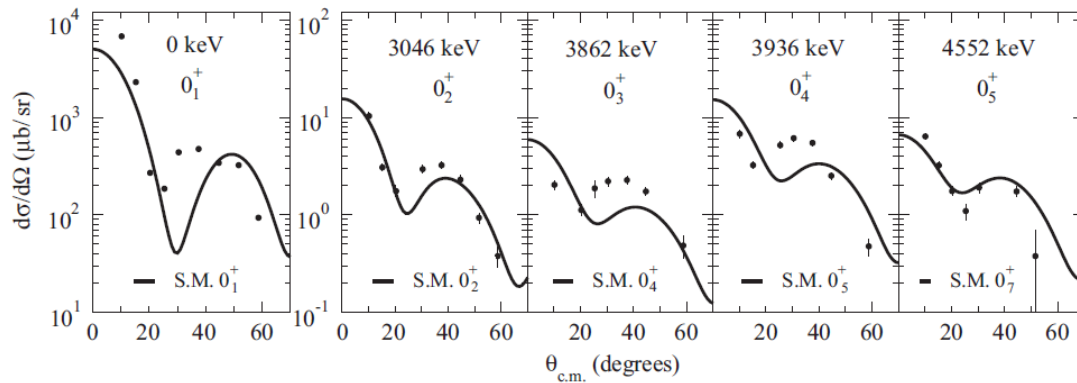


FIG. 1. Experimental angular distributions for the five observed 0^+ states in ^{62}Zn from this work. The data are compared to one- + two-step DWBA calculations using shell-model wave functions for each respective final state, and in most cases the experimental uncertainties are smaller than the data points. Due to the large cross-section disparity between the ground state and the excited states, the 0_1^+ state is displayed on a different scale. The curves are normalized to the data in order to provide a better shape comparison. A discussion on the assignment of each state and a comparison with previous experimental data are given in the text.

K.G. Leach *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C **88**, 031306 (2013)

Recent $^{64}\text{Zn}(p,t)^{62}\text{Zn}$ calls into question the validity of the 0^+ assignment for the 2.3 MeV state in ^{62}Zn .

The assignment of the first 0^+ state at 3 MeV has **consequences for the ISB corrections** in this nucleus.

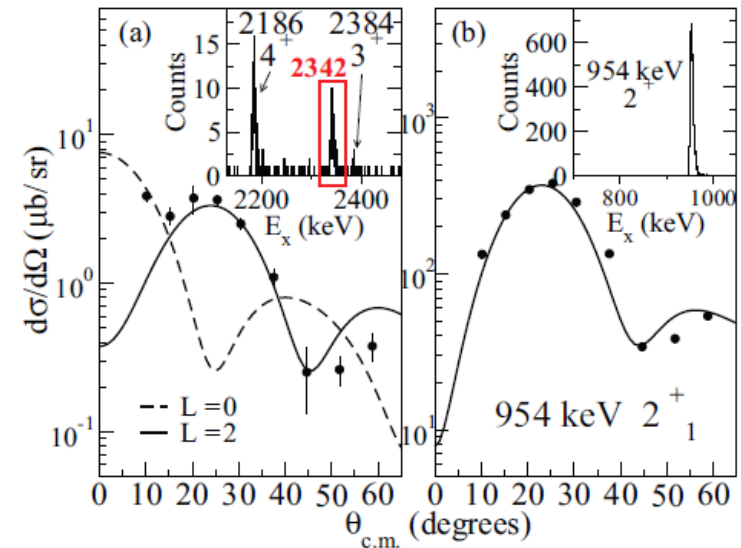


FIG. 2. (Color online) (a) Experimental angular-distribution data for the 2342-keV state, shown with calculated DWBA prediction for $L = 0$ and $L = 2$ transfers. With the exception of the 10° cross section, the 2342-keV state exhibits a nearly identical angular-distribution shape to the well-known 954-keV 2_1^+ state, shown in panel (b) for comparison. The focal-plane position spectrum region of interest for the respective states at 30° are displayed as an inset in the top right corner, where the listed energies are in keV. The assignment of the 2342-keV state is discussed further in the text.

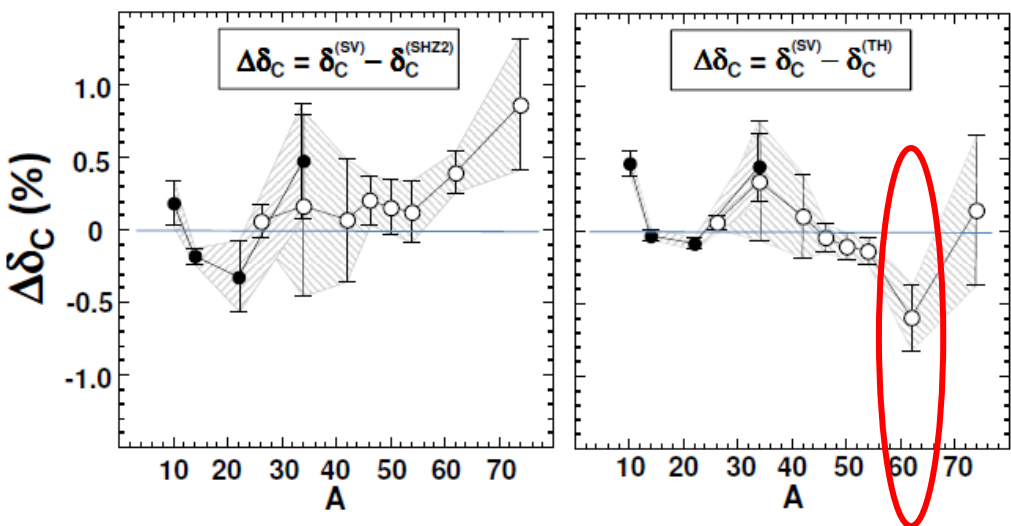
Consequences of state (mis)assignment

K. G. LEACH *et al.*

PHYSICAL REVIEW C 88, 031306(R) (2013)

TABLE II. A comparison of the unscaled and scaled isospin-mixing correction terms for ^{62}Ga , using both the previous 0_2^+ excitation energy from Ref. [27] and the value presented here. The result of the new energy scaling lowers the δ_{C1} central value by nearly a factor of two. The adopted values in each case are shown in bold and result from the average of the MSDI3 and GXPF1 calculations. The uncertainties used for the adopted values are described further in the text.

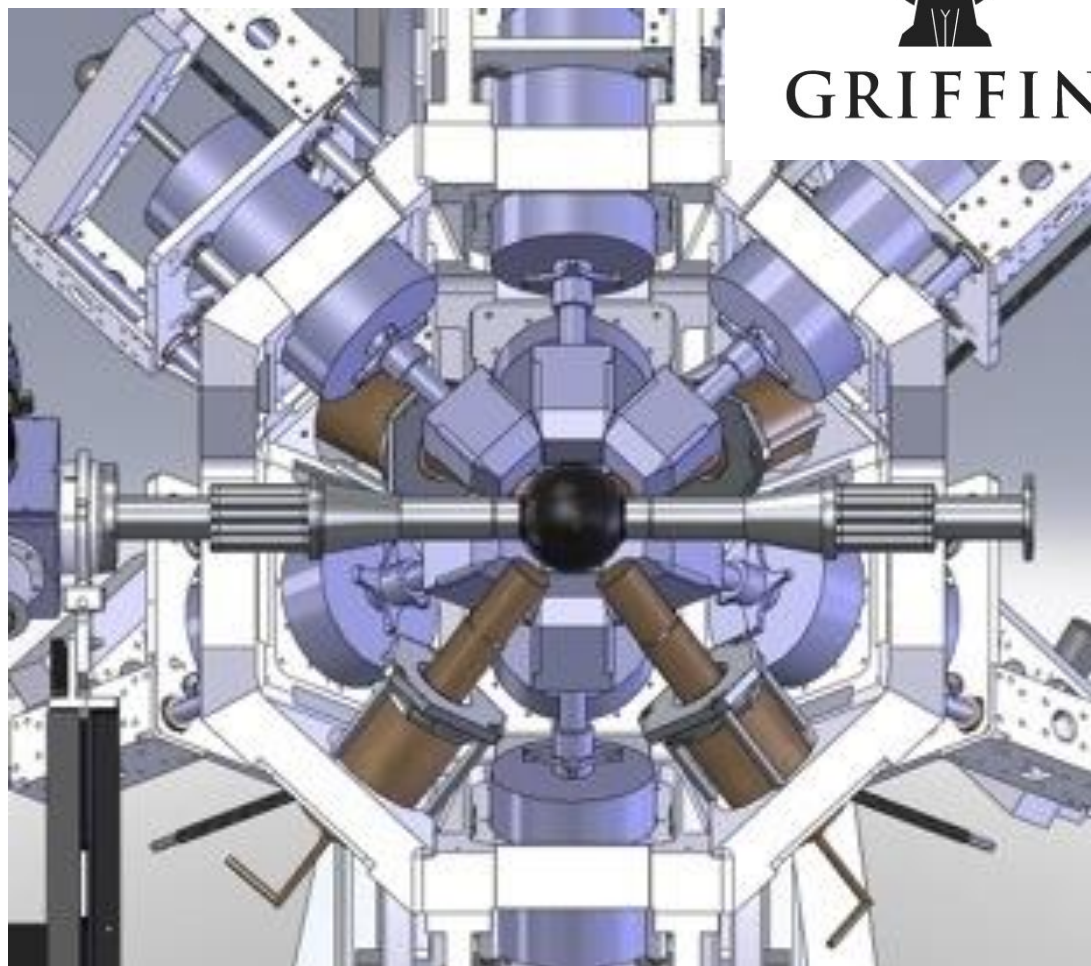
Shell model		Unscaled		Ref. [27]	Previous scaling		This work	New scaling	
Interaction	$E_x(0_2^+)$ (MeV)	δ_{C1}^1 (%)	δ_{C1} (%)	$E_x(0_2^+)$ (MeV)	δ_{C1}^1 (%)	δ_{C1} (%)	$E_x(0_2^+)$ (MeV)	δ_{C1}^1 (%)	δ_{C1} (%)
MSDI3	2.263	0.089	0.350	2.342	0.084	0.329	3.045	0.049	0.193
GXPF1	2.320	0.160	0.221		0.159	0.219		0.093	0.128
Adopted value					0.120(40)	0.275(55)		0.070(35)	0.160(70)



2 σ shift in TH δ_{C1}

DFT calculations for ISB corrections, compared with TH δ_C .
New scaling would reduce this discrepancy if energy of first excited 0^+ is verified.

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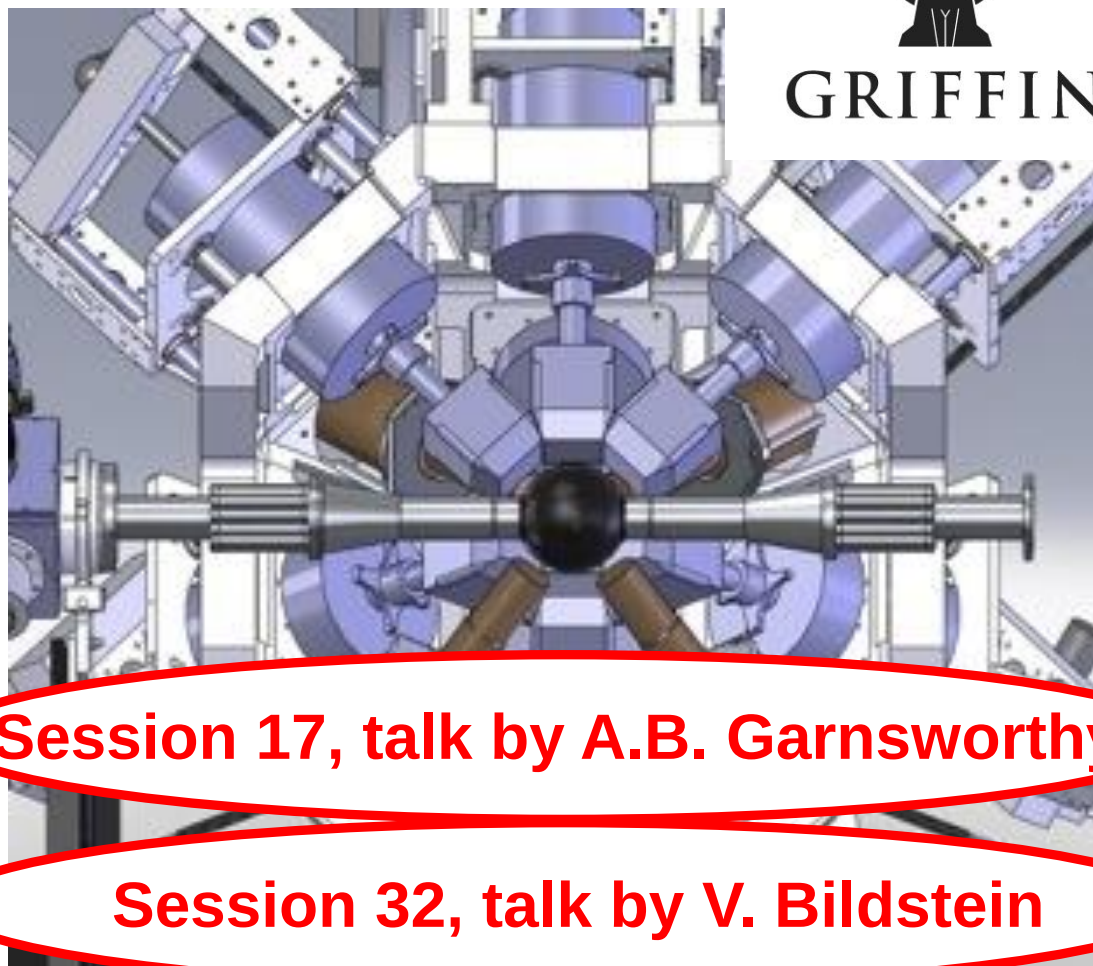


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Session 17, talk by A.B. Garnsworthy

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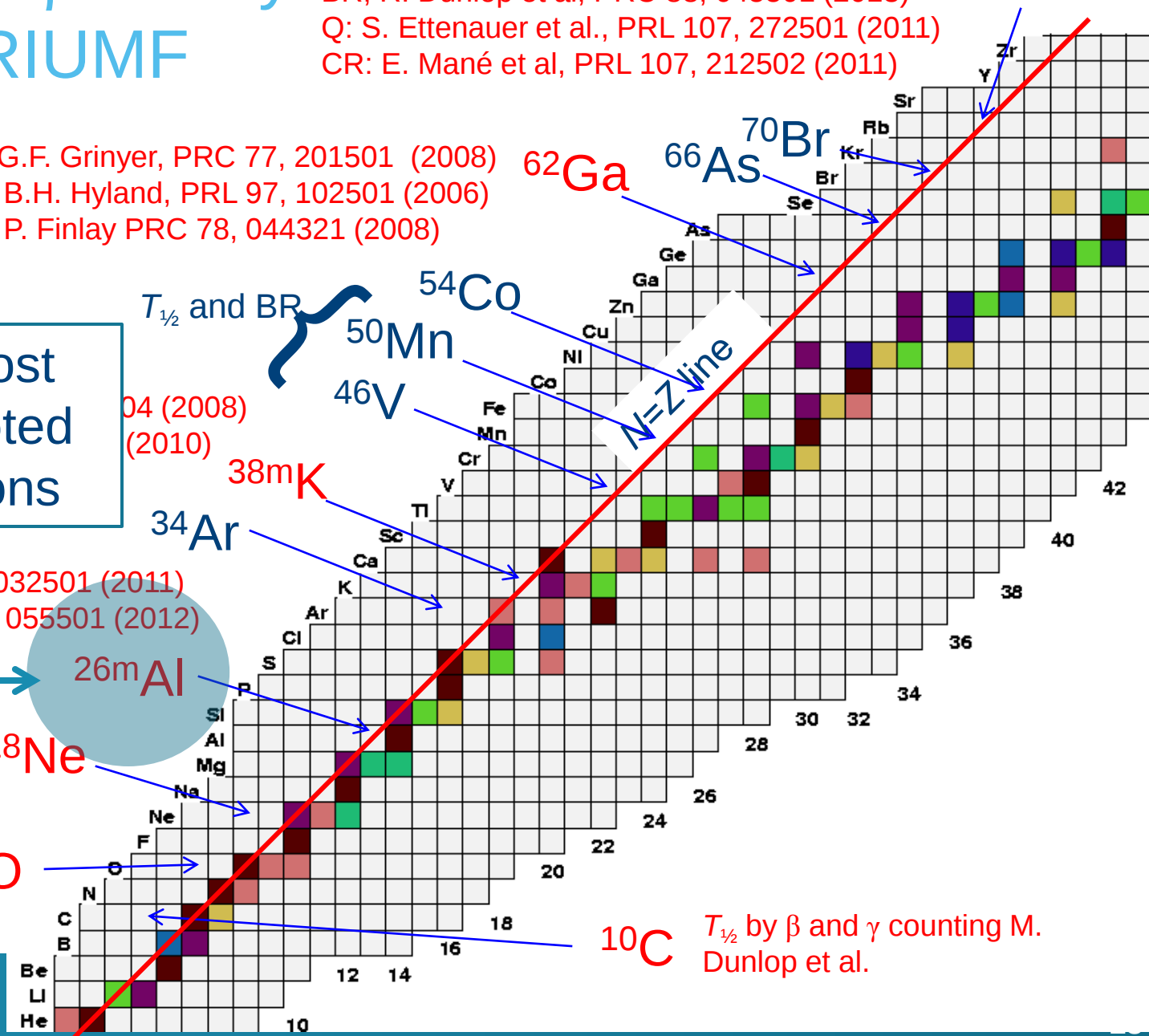
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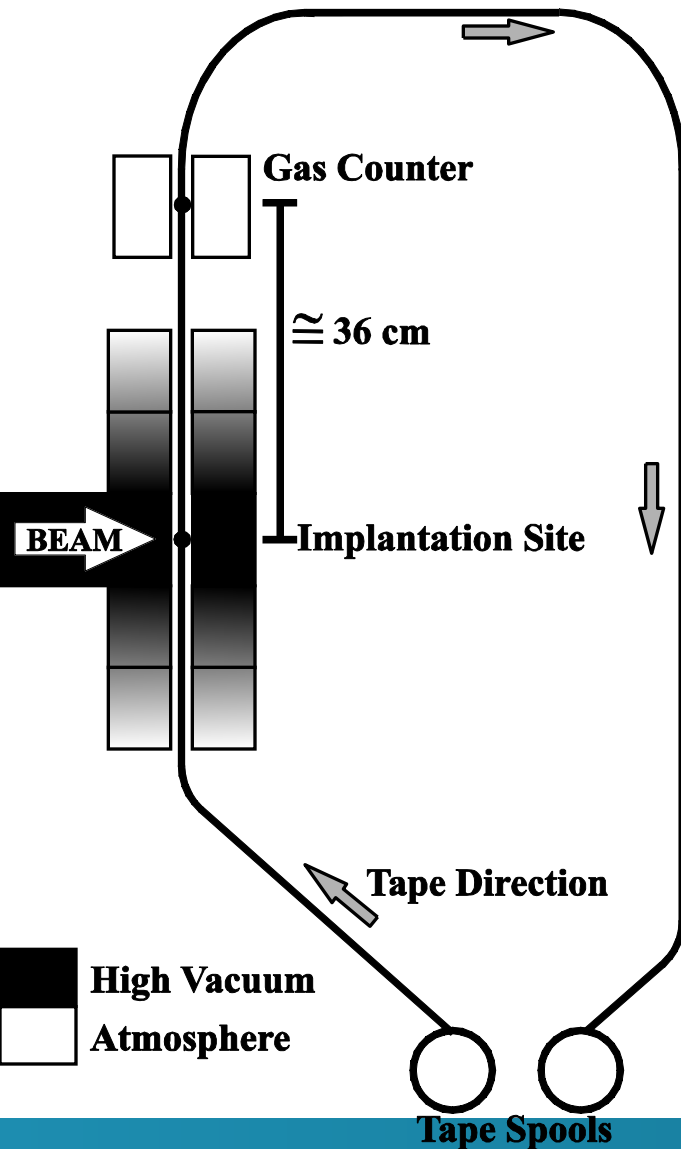
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High-precision Half-Life Measurements

4π continuous-flow gas-proportional counter and fast tape transport system

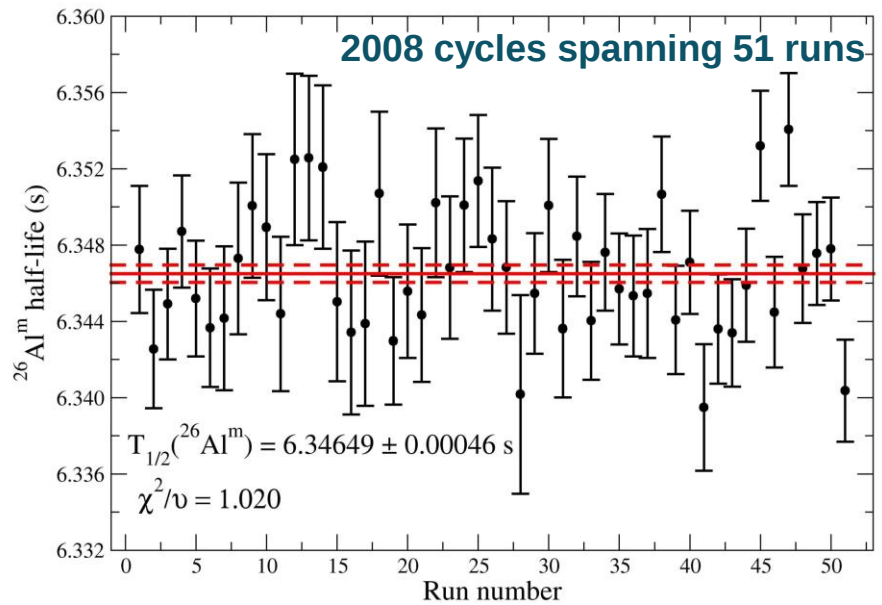


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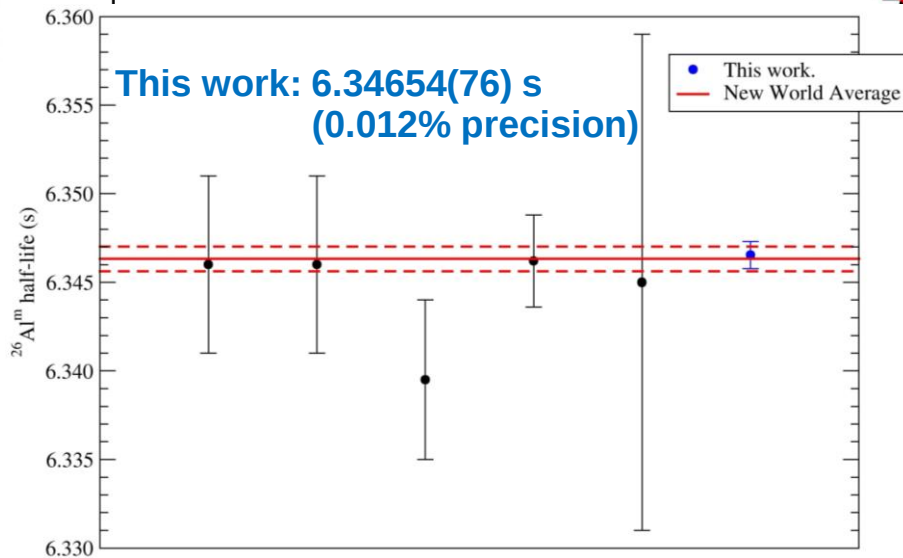
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superalloyed $T_{1/2}$ ever!

$^{26}\text{Al}^m T_{1/2}$

Resulted in most
precise superallowed
 ft and $\mathcal{F}t$ value, as
precise as all other
cases combined.



Fractional uncertainty = 0.077% per run



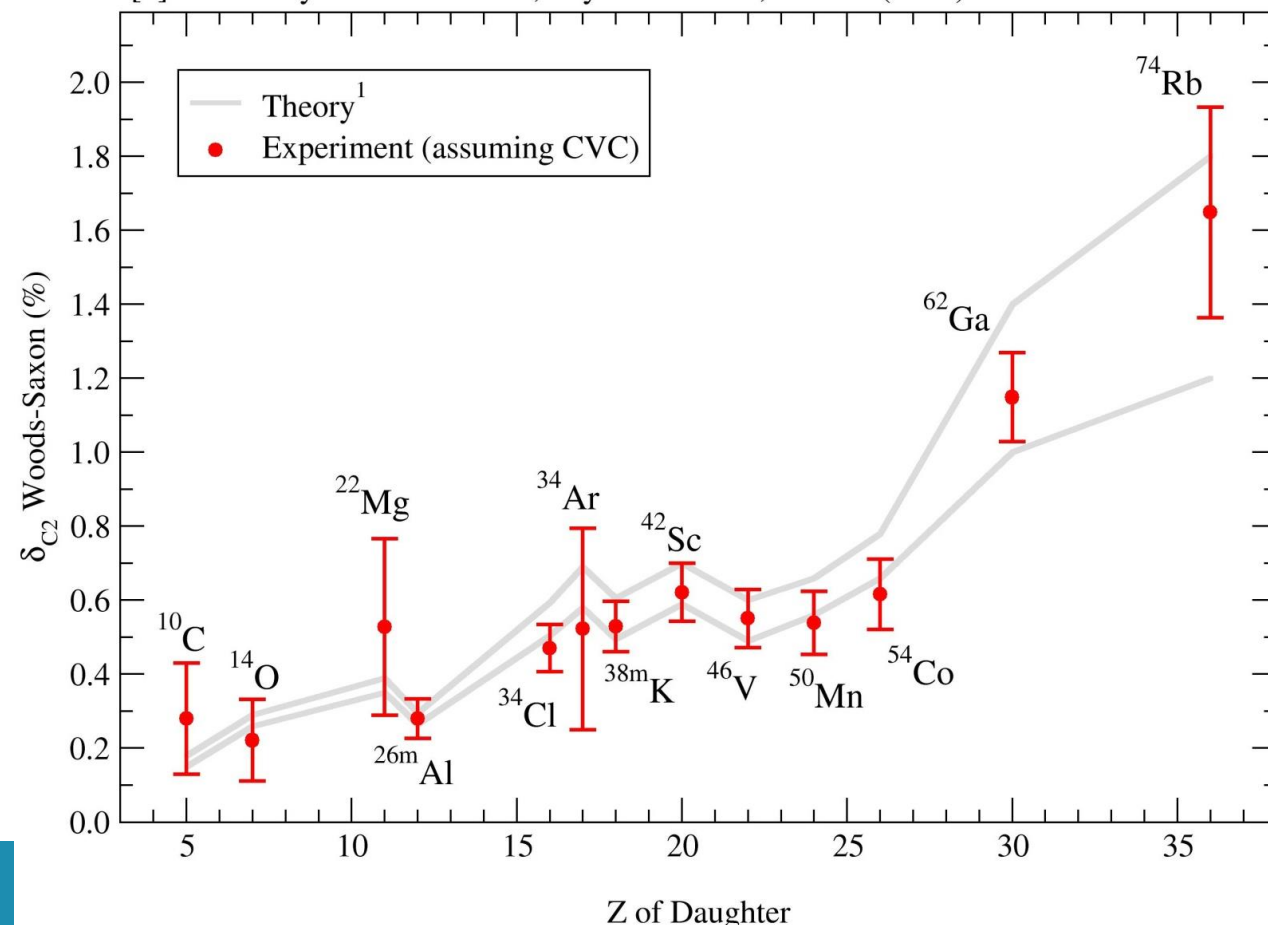
Time (s)

Experimentally determined δ_{C2}

Woods-Saxon ISB Calculations

$$\delta_{C2} = 1 + \delta_{NS} - \delta_{C1} - \frac{\mathcal{F}t_{26\text{Al}^m}^{WS}}{ft_{\text{exp.}}(1 + \delta'_R)}$$

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Excellent overall agreement.

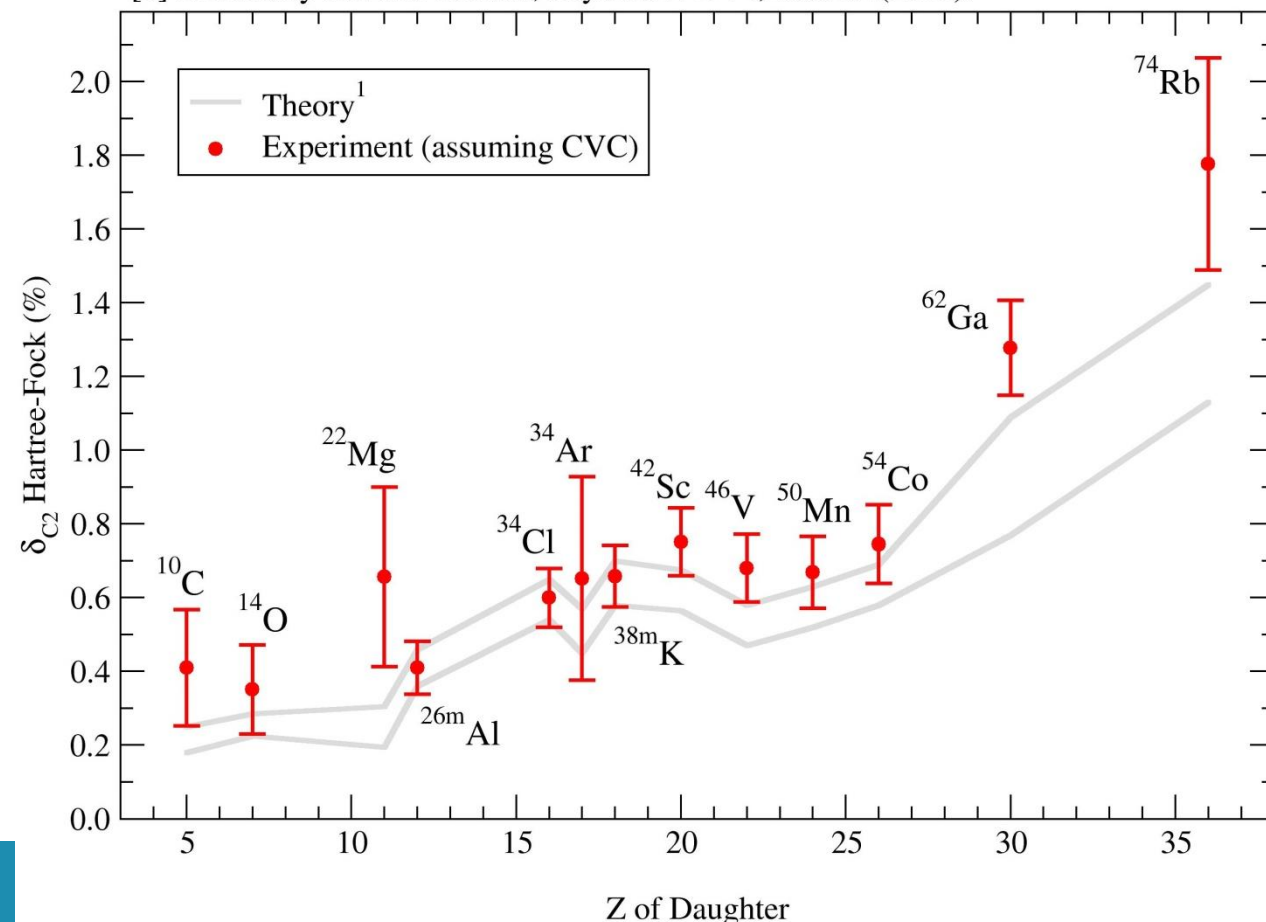
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Hartree-Fock ISB Calculations

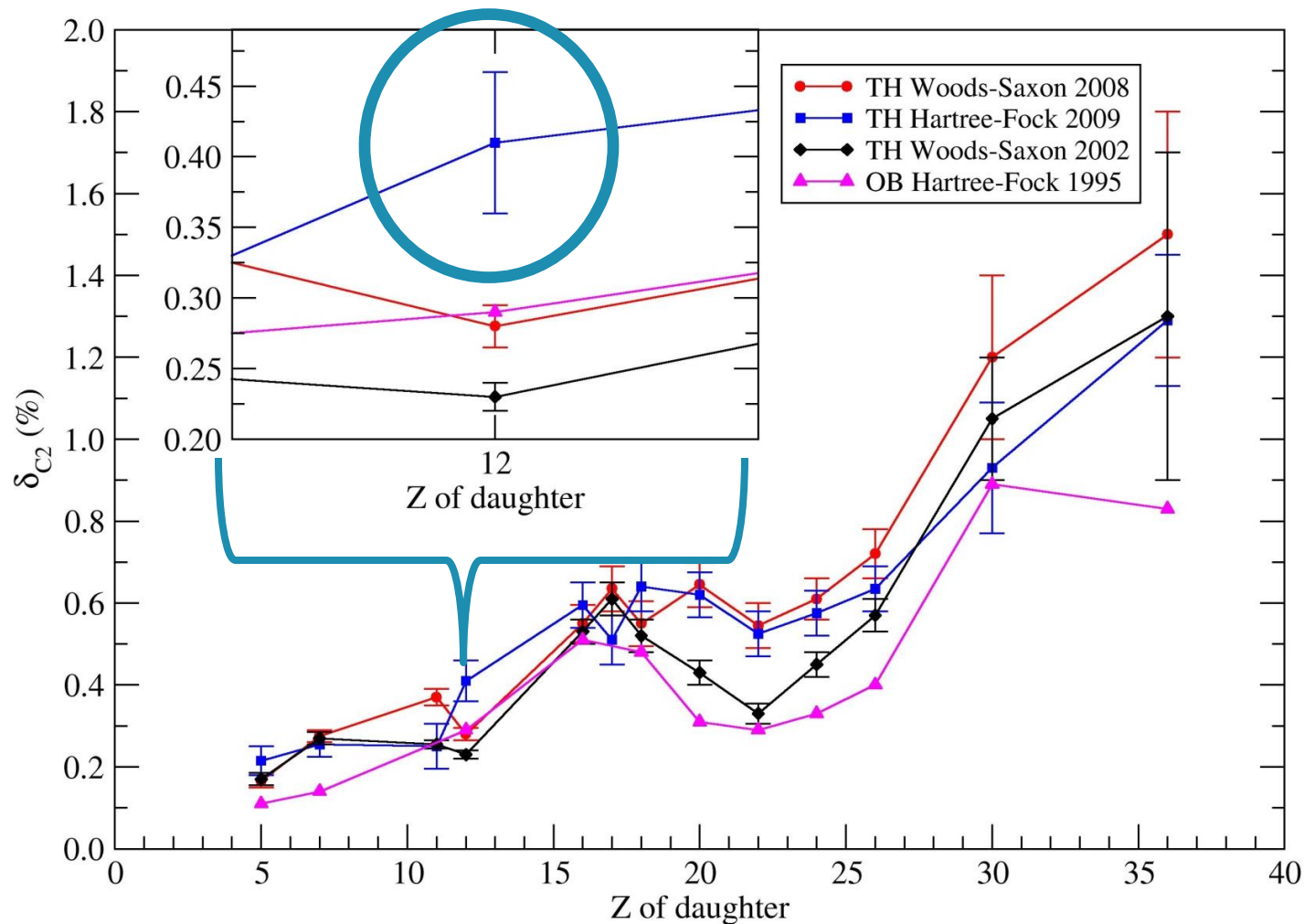
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The Hartree-Fock calculations by Towner and Hardy do not show the same degree of self consistency.

The Radial Overlap Correction: δ_{C2}



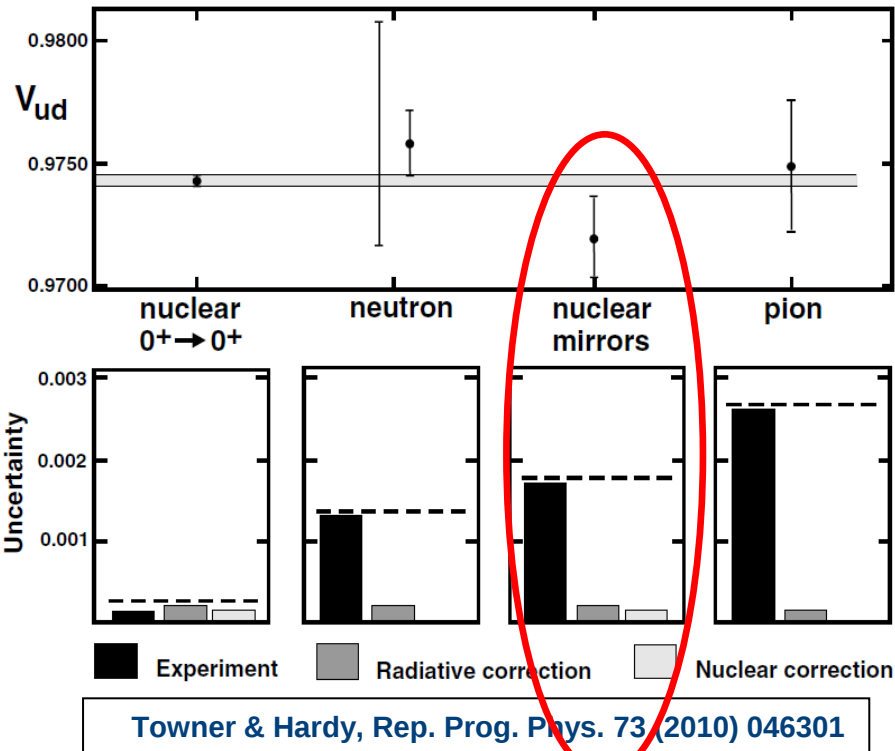
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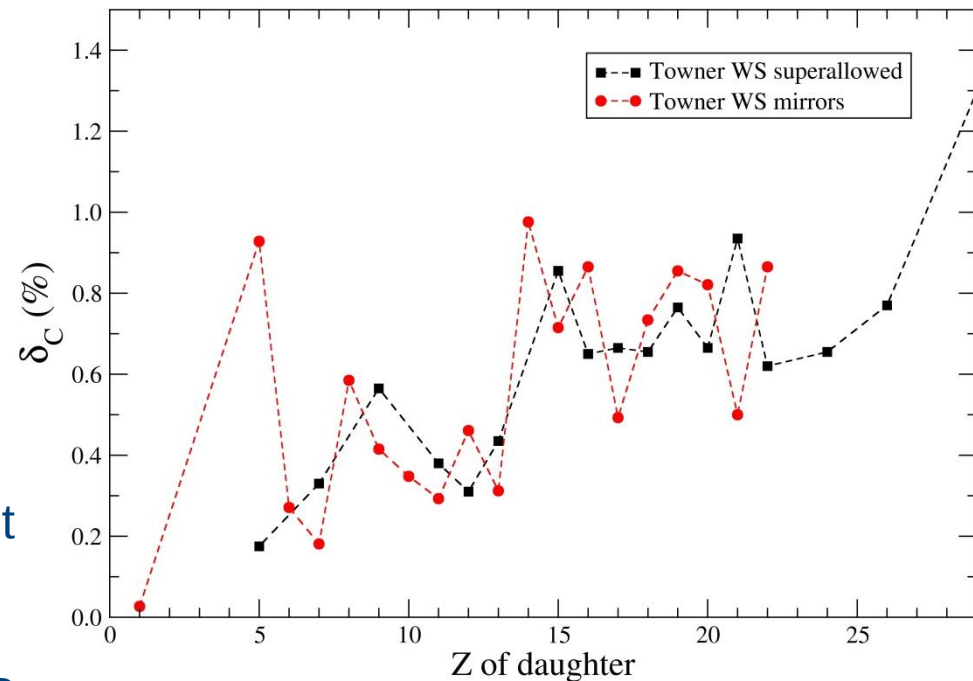
V_{ud} from $\mathcal{F}t$ values of the mirror β transitions



^{19}Ne , ^{21}Na , ^{29}P , ^{35}Ar and ^{37}K

$$|V_{ud}| = 0.9719(17)$$

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PRL 102 (2009) 142302



- Completely independent set with different nuclear-structure dependent corrections
- Ideal to test the machinery of the ISB calculations

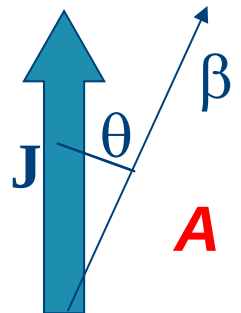
V_{ud} from $\mathcal{F}t$ values of the mirror β transitions

correcting Ft values of mirror β transitions for GT/F mixing ratio yields V_{ud} :

$$Ft^{mirror} \left(1 + \frac{f_A}{f_V} \rho^2 \right) = 2Ft^{0^+ \rightarrow 0^+} = \frac{K}{G_F^2 V_{ud}^2 (1 + \Delta_R^V)}$$

correlation coefficients depend on GT/F mixing ratio $\rho = \frac{C_A M_{GT}}{C_V M_F}$

e.g. $a_{SM} = \frac{1 - \rho^2/3}{1 + \rho^2}$ and $A_{SM} = \frac{\mp \lambda_{J'J} \rho^2 - 2\delta_{J'J} \sqrt{J/(J+1)} \rho}{1 + \rho^2}$



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N.Severijns & O. Naviliat-Cuncic, Physica Scripta T152 (2013) 014018

New beta decay correlation measurements with mirror nuclei:

ΔV_{ud} for relative precision of 0.5% on $a_{\beta v}$ or A_{β} :

$a(^{19}\text{Ne}) \rightarrow \Delta V_{ud} = 0.0011$ (data from GANIL-LIRAT being analysed)

$a(^{35}\text{Ar}) \rightarrow \Delta V_{ud} = 0.0019$ (data from GANIL-LIRAT being analysed)

$A_{\beta}(^{35}\text{Ar})$ is most sensitive to V_{ud} :

$A(^{35}\text{Ar}) \rightarrow \Delta V_{ud} = 0.0007$ with present $\mathcal{F}t$ value

$A(^{35}\text{Ar}) \rightarrow \Delta V_{ud} = 0.0004$ if $\mathcal{F}t$ value is improved by factor 4.8
(requires Q_{EC} , $T_{1/2}$ and BR)

only factor of 2 !!

(Note: $\Delta V_{ud} (0+ \rightarrow 0+) = 0.00022$)

V_{ud} quark mixing matrix element from β asymmetry parameter and Ft value of ^{35}Ar

- Avoid need for precise determination of nucl. polar. J of ^{35}Ar in host lattice by **relative measurement** of β asymmetry for mixed mirror transition and pure GT transition to excited state

Experimental asymmetry:

$$\mathcal{A} = \left\langle \frac{v}{c} \cos(\theta) \right\rangle JA = \frac{R-1}{R+1} \quad \text{where} \quad R = \sqrt{\frac{N(0, +J)N(\pi, -J)}{N(0, -J)N(\pi, +J)}}$$

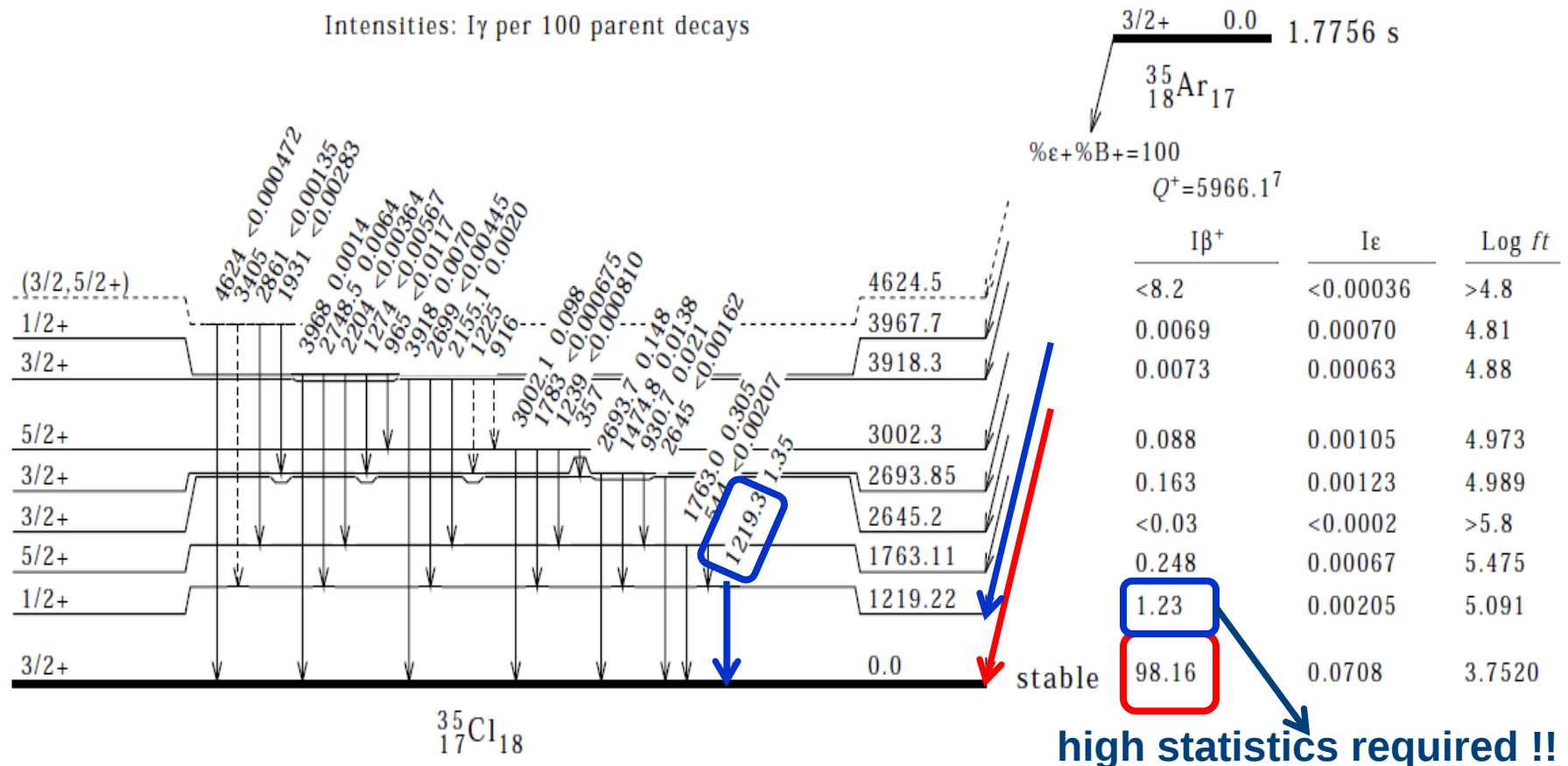
After experimental corrections and evaluation of the phase space and geometrical acceptances $\langle (v/c) \cos(\theta) \rangle$ the asymmetry parameter ratio is obtained as:

$$\frac{A_{gs}}{A_{ex}} = \frac{\langle (v/c) \cos(\theta) \rangle_{ex} \mathcal{A}_{gs}}{\langle (v/c) \cos(\theta) \rangle_{gs} \mathcal{A}_{ex}}$$

- Use ^{21}Na and/or ^{23}Mg to optimize method.

V_{ud} quark mixing matrix element from β asymmetry parameter and Ft value of ^{35}Ar

- Beta-gamma coincidences required to distinguish **mirror beta transition to g.s.** from GT transition to excited state



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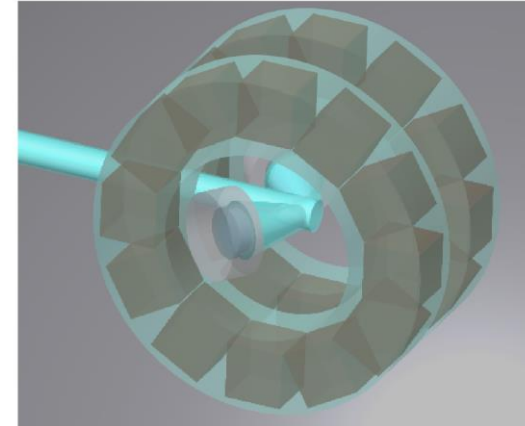
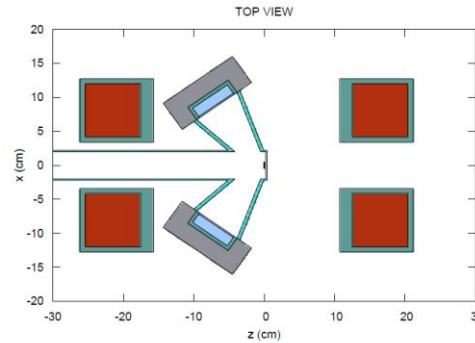


Figure 3: Overview of the detection system.

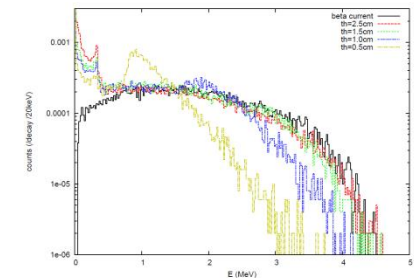
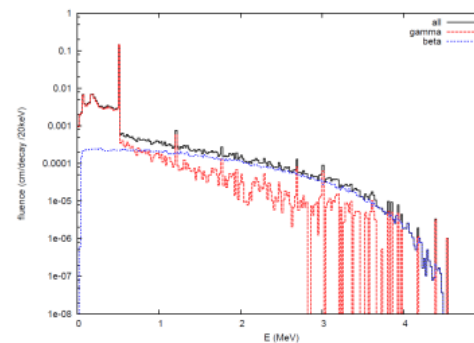


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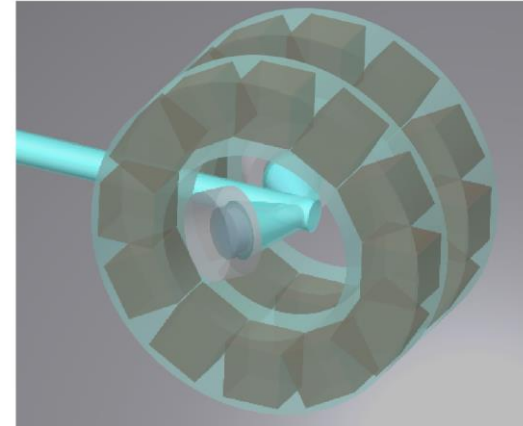
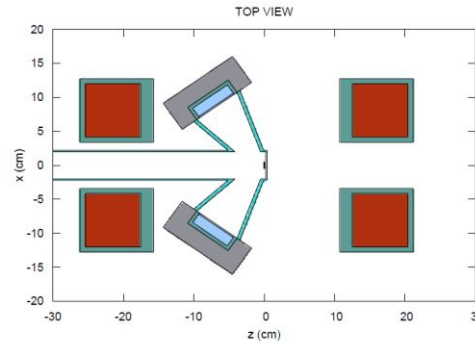


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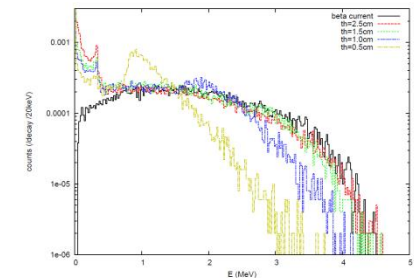
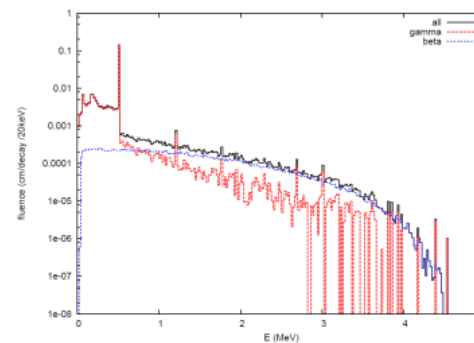
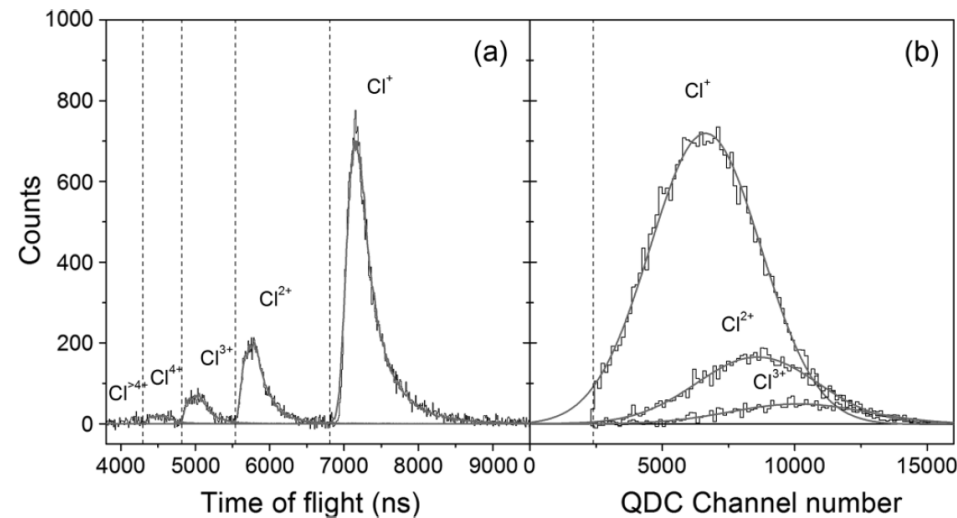
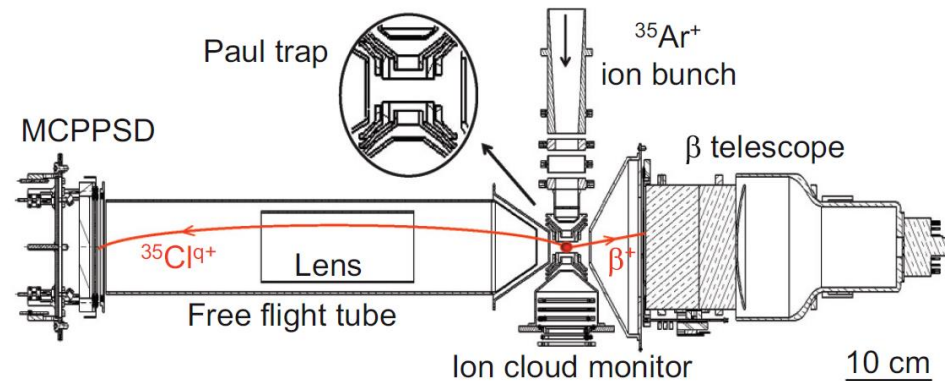


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Session 29, talk by R. Garcia Ruiz

Beta-neutrino angular correlation, $a_{\beta\nu}$

- **LPCTrap**: Paul trap with beta telescope and MCP detector. **Established setup with well-controlled systematics.**
- LPCTrap has recently carried out high-precision $a_{\beta\nu}$ measurements for ^{35}Ar and ^{19}Ne in 2012/2013, which are currently being analyzed.



What can we expect from α measurements ?

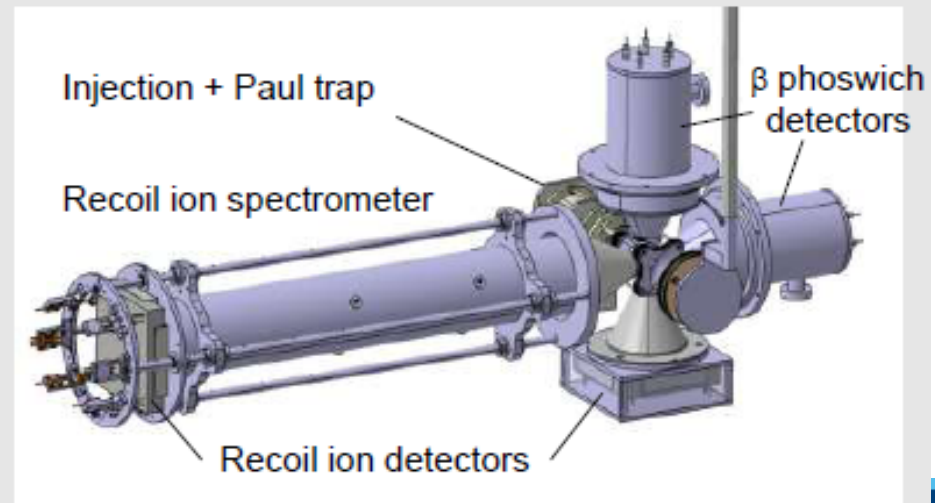
- Ion with **rate > 1E+06 pps** (from [Spiral_beam.pdf](#) in DESIR W-S website)

Ion	$T_{1/2}$ (s)	Expected rate (pps)	Expected nb of coinc.	Estimated $a \pm \sigma_a$	New $\rho \pm \sigma_\rho$	Gain factor
^{21}Na	22.49	1.8E+08	1.7E+06	0.5587(24)	-0.7034(29)	2.7
^{23}Mg	11.32	4.3E+07	8.1E+05	0.6967(35)	0.5426(40)	new
^{33}Cl	2.51	1.8E+07	1.5E+06	0.8848(25)	0.3075(37)	new
^{37}K	1.22	1.1E+07	1.9E+06	0.6580(16)	0.5874(26)	10.5

• Estimation of coinc. (1 week):

- Based on ^{35}Ar experiment
- $T_{1/2}$ taken into account
- LPCTrap $\rightarrow$ **LPCTrap2**
 - phoswich for β detection
 - detectors number X 2
 - FASTER DAQ system

➡ Gain in stat: factor of ~ 4



Mirror *ft* values at TRIUMF

Approved Experiments	Status
S1192 – $T_{1/2}$, BR for ^{19}Ne	Completed
S1385 – $T_{1/2}$ for ^{21}Na	Scheduled, Nov. 2014
S1517 – $T_{1/2}$, Q-value for ^{35}Ar	Pending

PRL 109, 042301 (2012)

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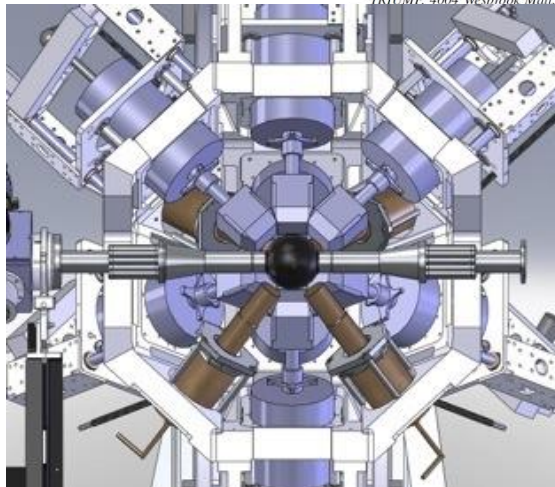
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High-Precision Measurement of the ^{19}Ne Half-Life and Implications for Right-Handed Weak Currents

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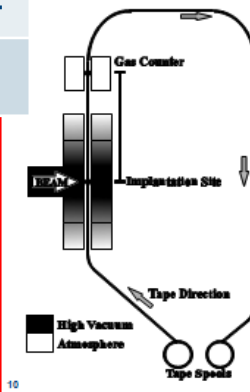
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^{19}Ne half-life to be $T_{1/2} = 17.262 \pm$
measurements and is important for placing



Description of ^{35}Ar half-life measurement

$T_{1/2}(^{35}\text{Ar}) = 1.7754 \text{ s}$



- ^{84}Rb : $T_{1/2} = 64.761 \text{ ms}$, PRL 86, 1454 (2001)
- ^{26}Na : $T_{1/2} = 1.07128 \text{ s}$, PRC 71, 044309 (2005)
- ^{62}Ga : $T_{1/2} = 116.121 \text{ ms}$, PRC 77, 015501 (2008)
- ^{38}K : $T_{1/2} = 924.46 \text{ ms}$, PRC 82, 045501 (2010)
- ^{26}Al : $T_{1/2} = 6.34654 \text{ s}$, PRL 106, 032501 (2011)
- ^{18}Ne : $T_{1/2} = 1.672 \text{ s}$, In preparation.
- ^{10}C : $T_{1/2} = 19.29 \text{ s}$, In preparation.

Cycle Structure

- Implant $\sim 1 \text{ s}$.
- Move tape (2s) to detector and count ^{35}Ar decays for between 15 and 25 half-lives, then repeat.
- Change detector voltage, discriminator setting, dwell times, and swap fixed, nonextendable dead times between two MCS units to investigate systematic effects. $\rightarrow$ Many cycles.

Q-value measurement @ TITAN

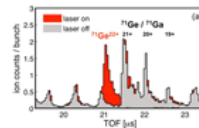
$$Q_{\text{EC}} = m_m - m_d$$

Highly charged ions

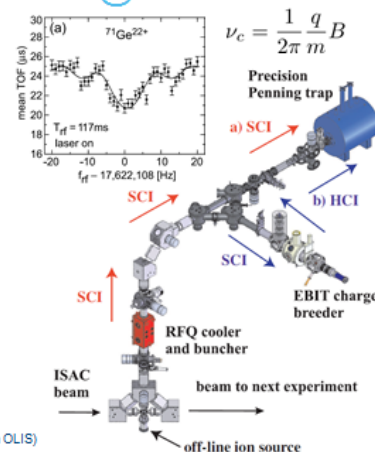
- precision advantage
PRL 107, 272501 (2011)

$$\frac{\delta m}{m} \propto \frac{m}{Q} \frac{1}{BTN^{1/2}}$$

- threshold charge breeding for isobaric separation
Physics Letters B 722, 233 (2013)



He-like charge state
 $^{35}\text{Ar}^{18+}$ (SCI from ISAC)
 $^{35}\text{Cl}^{18+}$ (SCI isobarically pure from OLIS)



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Summary and Conclusions

- Superalowed Fermi beta decays currently provide the most precise value for the CKM matrix element V_{ud} , which is itself limited in precision due to theoretical, rather than experimental, uncertainties.
- While high-precision ft value measurements for select superallowed emitters, such as $^{26}\text{Al}^m$ and ^{62}Ga , have provided some of the most rigorous self-consistency checks of the leading ISB calculations, in order to continue to improve the limits on the CKM unitarity sum from low-energy nuclear physics further, and more comprehensive, checks need to be developed.
- The isospin $T=1/2$ mirror beta transitions offer an independent system in which to test the machinery of the ISB calculations, with the potential of not only refining the ISB corrections in superallowed decay, but ultimately contributing directly to an improved determination of V_{ud} in conjunction with the superallowed data.

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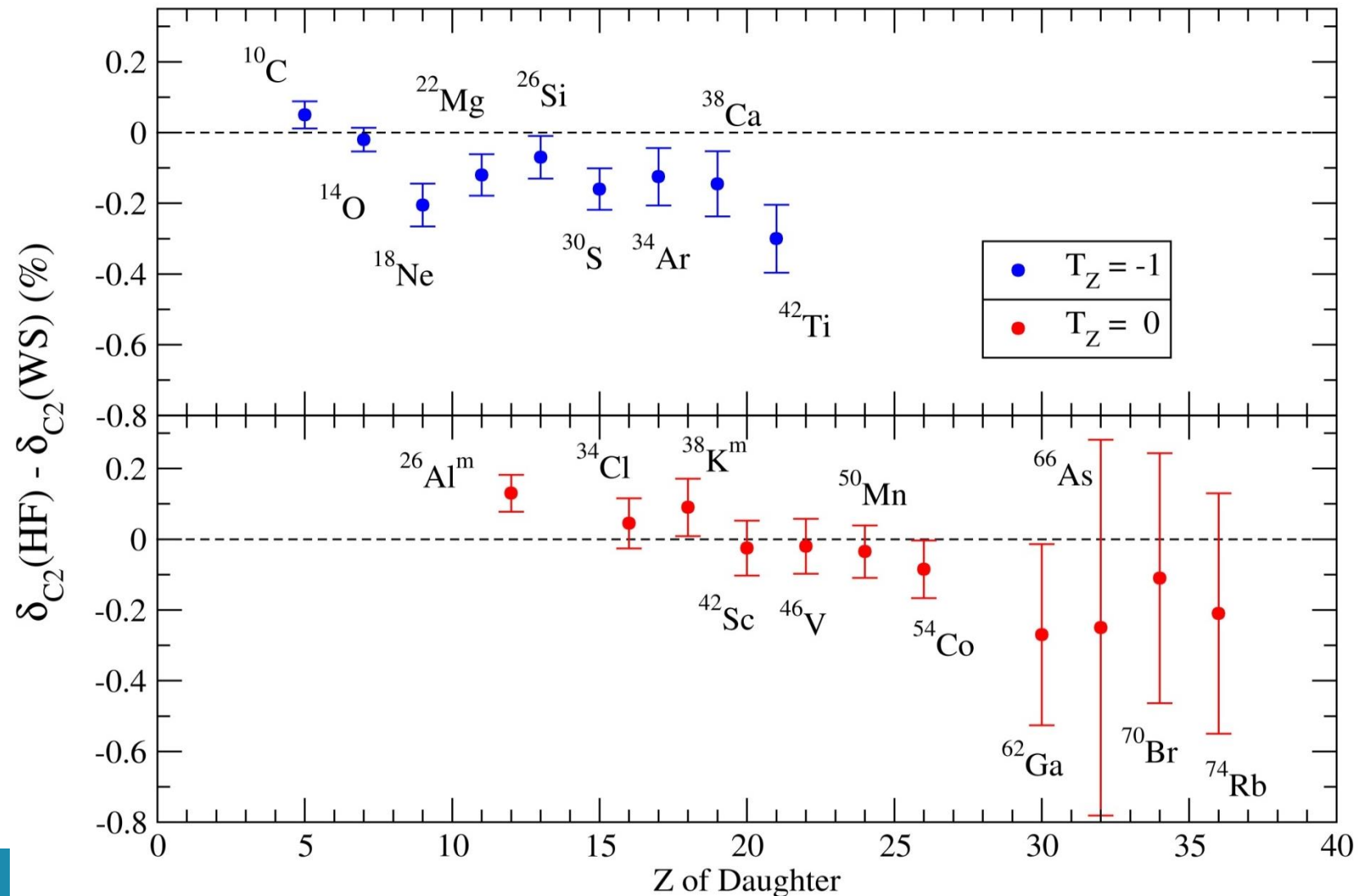
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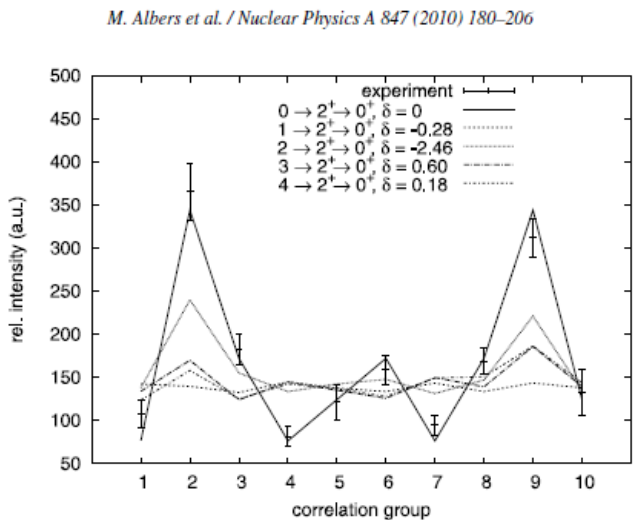
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Difference between Woods-Saxon and Hartree-Fock Radial Overlap Corrections



Previous spectroscopic data for ^{62}Ga and the 1st excited 0^+

Gamma-gamma correlations



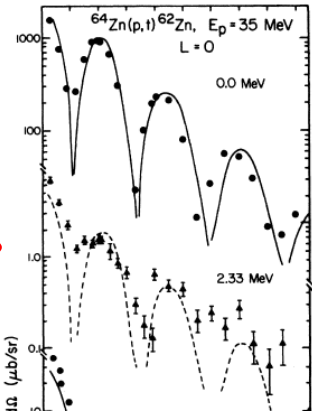
E_{level} [keV]	J_i^π	$E_{\text{level,Lit}}$ [keV]	$J_{i,\text{Lit}}^\pi$
953.8(1)	2_1^+	953.92(17)	2^+
1804.7(2)	2_2^+	1804.88(20)	2^+
2186.0(1)	4_1^+	2186.1(5)	4^+
2342.0(4)	0_2^+	2342.45(33)	0^+
2384.4(1)	3_1^-	2384.5(4)	3^+

Transfer reactions

TABLE I. Levels in ^{62}Zn .

Peak No.	Present work				(p,t) (Ref. 1)		(p,t) (Ref. 2)	
	E (MeV)	J^π	$d\sigma_{\text{max}}/d\Omega$ ($\mu\text{b/sr}$)	N	E (MeV)	J^π	E (MeV)	J^π
1	0.0	0^+	911	490	0.0	0^+	0.0	0^+
2	0.957	2^+	150	197	0.957	2^+	0.95	2^+
3	1.801	2^+	19	23	1.801	2^+	1.80	2^+
4	2.18 ± 0.01	4^+	2.6	15	2.17 ± 0.01	4^+	2.18	4^+
5	2.33 ± 0.01	0^+	1.5	0.7	2.34 ± 0.02		2.38	0^+
6	2.75 ± 0.01	4^+	23	130	2.74 ± 0.02	3	2.75	($3^-, 4^+$)

R.A. Hinrichs and D.M. Patterson,
Phys. Rev. C **10**, 1381 (1974)



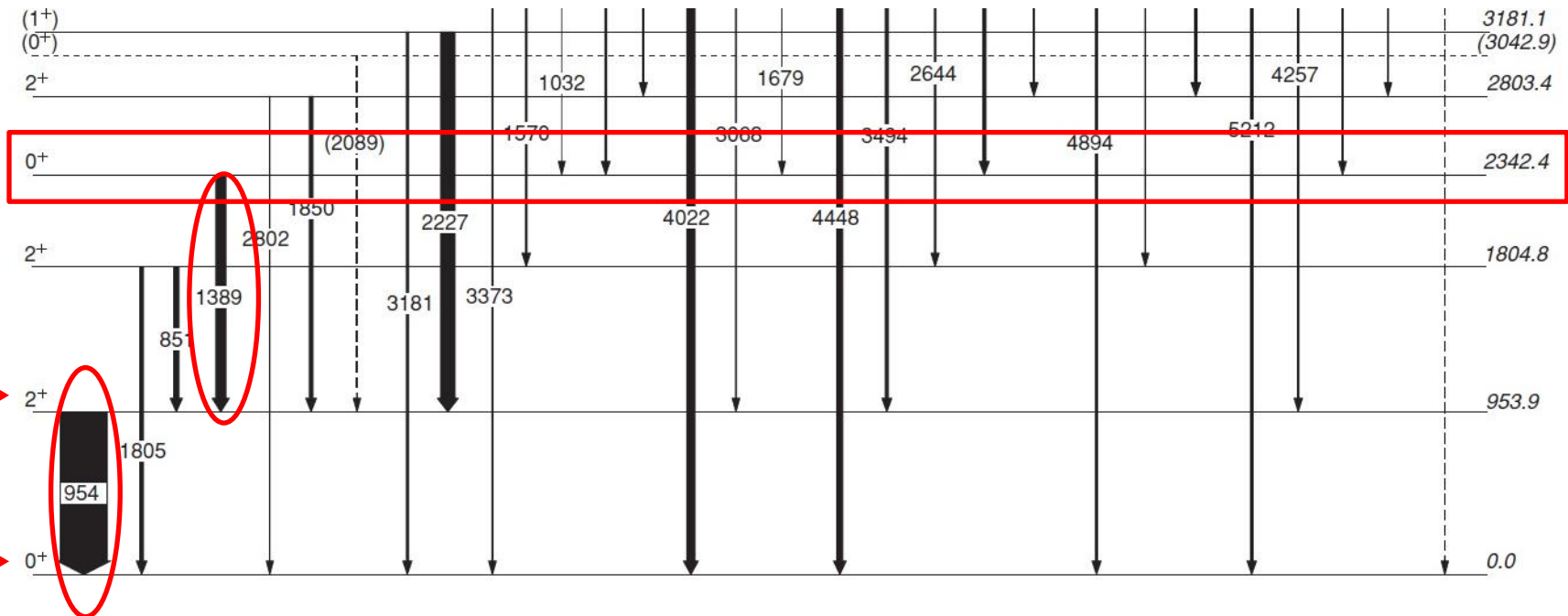
Previous work on
 $^{62}\text{Zn} \rightarrow$ first excited
 0^+ state at 2.3 MeV.

This provides
scaling for δ_{C1}
BR meas. $\delta_{C1,1}$

R.R. Betts et al., Phys. Lett. B **76**, 47 (1978)

^{62}Zn			
E_x (MeV)	J^π	S_α	
		Exp.	Calc.
0.00	0^+	1.0 a)	1.0 a)
0.95	2^+	0.23 b)	0.23 b)
1.81	2^+	0.004	0.002
2.17	4^+	0.04	0.004
2.33	0^+	<0.10	0.02
3.22	3^-	0.27 b)	0.27 b)

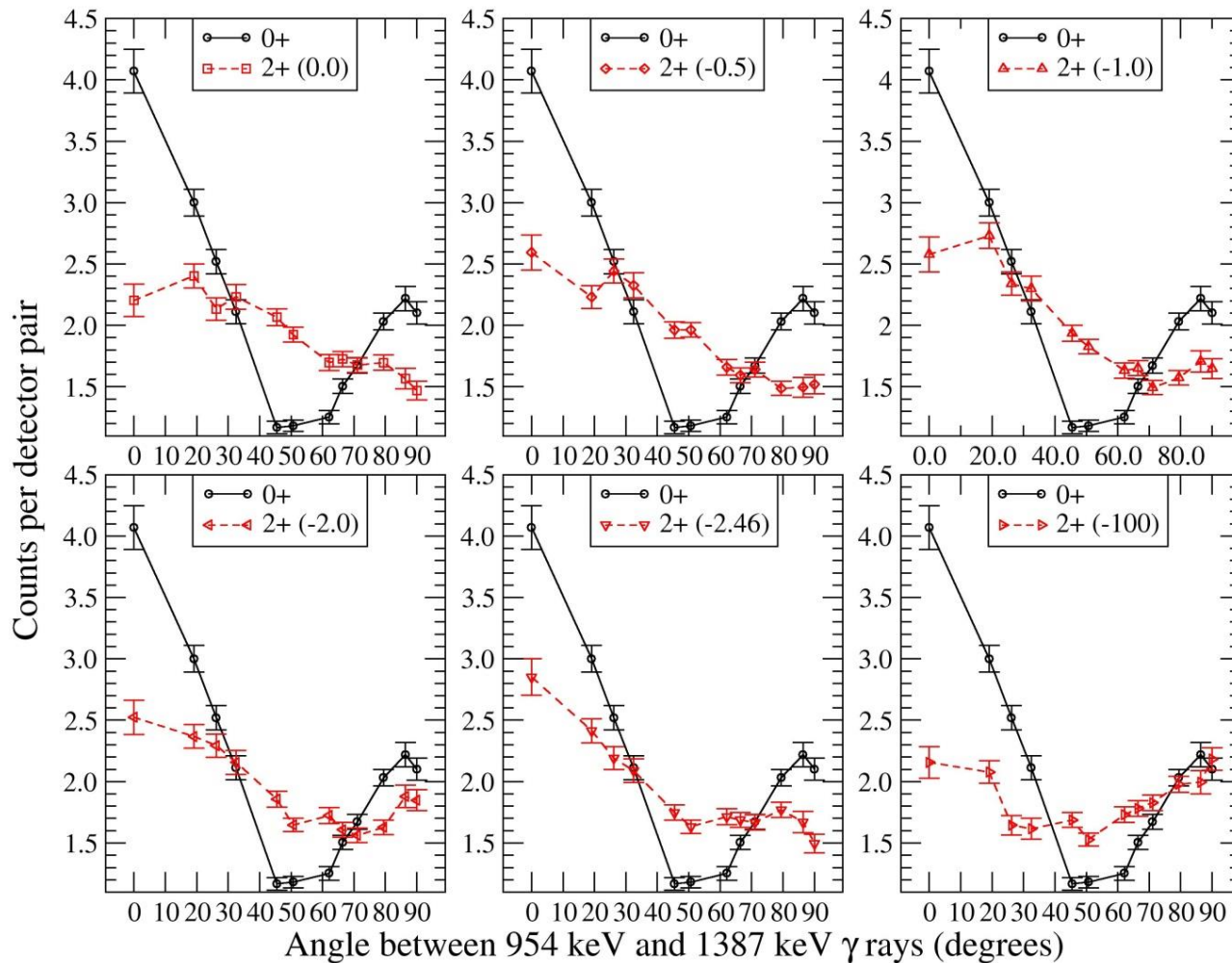
Low-lying levels in ^{62}Zn



Identify spin of 2342-keV state via angular distribution of **1389 keV** gamma ray detected in coincidence with pure E2 **954 keV** gamma.

A 2+ or 0+ spin for the 2342-keV state will result in different distribution of opening angles between these two subsequently emitted gammas.

$\gamma\gamma$ coincidences for the 954 keV and 1387 keV γ rays



Individual GRIFFIN crystal combinations give 12 distinct angular pairs for detecting 954 keV and 1387 keV gammas.

12 shifts necessary for clear distinction between 0^+ and 2^+ assignment, even under a wide range of assumptions for the M1/E2 mixing ratio if 2^+