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## BSM searches and beta decay

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## Outline

- New physics in beta decays: generalities and EFT framework
- Constraints on non-standard charged current interactions
  - global analysis of beta decays
  - collider input: LEP, LHC
  - comparison of sensitivities & complementarity
- Summary and outlook

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- Broad sensitivity to BSM scenarios
- Experimental and theoretical precision at <0.1% level  $\Rightarrow$  probe effective scale  $\Lambda$  in the 5-10 TeV range

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• Work to first order in rad. corr. and new physics

$$\mathcal{L}_{CC} = -\frac{G_F^{(\mu)}}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ud} \left(1 + \delta_{RC}\right) \left(1 - \frac{\delta G_F^{(\mu)}}{G_F^{(\mu)}}\right) \left(1 + \epsilon_L + \epsilon_R\right)$$

$$\times \left[ \bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) \nu_\ell \ \bar{u} \gamma^\mu \left(1 - (1 - 2 \epsilon_R) \gamma_5\right) d \right]$$

$$+ \epsilon_S \ \bar{\ell} (1 - \gamma_5) \nu_\ell \ \bar{u} d$$

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$$SM \text{ rad. corr.}$$

$$\gamma \text{ large log''} \left( \alpha/\pi \right) \times \log(M_Z/\mu)$$

Note: besides the pre-factor,  $\epsilon_R$  appears in nuclear decays in the combination  $\overline{g}_A = g_A \times (I - 2\epsilon_R)$ 

Marciano-Sirlin 1981 Sirlin 1982

## How do we probe the $\epsilon_{\alpha}$ ? (1)

I. Differential decay distribution

$$d\Gamma \propto F(E_e) \left\{ 1 + \frac{b}{E_e} \frac{m_e}{E_e} + \frac{a}{E_e} \frac{\vec{p_e} \cdot \vec{p_\nu}}{E_e E_\nu} + \langle \vec{J} \rangle \cdot \left[ A \frac{\vec{p_e}}{E_e} + B \frac{\vec{p_\nu}}{E_\nu} + \cdots \right] \right\}$$

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Theory input:

Nucleon matrix elements (gv,A,S,T from lattice QCD), including O(q/MN)
 Nuclear matrix elements (including recoil order terms O(q/MN))
 Radiative corrections

## Nucleon charges from lattice QCD

With estimates of all systematic errors  $(m_q, a, V, excited states)$ 



## How do we probe the $\epsilon_{\alpha}$ ? (2)



### Global analysis: input

Experimental precision between ~0.01% and few %

Ft (0+→0+) \	alues
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Parent	$\mathcal{F}t$ (s)
$^{10}C$	$3078.0\pm4.5$
<sup>14</sup> O	$3071.4\pm3.2$
$^{22}Mg$	$3077.9\pm7.3$
$^{26m}Al$	$3072.9 \pm 1.0$
$^{34}Cl$	$3070.7 \pm 1.8$
$^{34}Ar$	$3065.6\pm8.4$
$^{38m}$ K	$3071.6 \pm 2.0$
$^{38}Ca$	$3076.4 \pm 7.2$
$^{42}Sc$	$3072.4\pm2.3$
$^{46}V$	$3074.1 \pm 2.0$
$^{50}Mn$	$3071.2 \pm 2.1$
$^{54}Co$	$3069.8 \pm 2.6$
$^{62}$ Ga	$3071.5 \pm 6.7$
$^{74}$ Rb	$3076.0 \pm 11.0$

#### Correlation coefficients

Parent	Type	Parameter	Value
<sup>6</sup> He	$GT/\beta^-$	a	$-0.3308(30)^{a}$
$^{32}Ar$	$F/\beta^+$	$\tilde{a}$	0.9989(65)
$^{38m}$ K	$F/\beta^+$	$\tilde{a}$	0.9981(48)
$^{60}$ Co	$GT/\beta^-$	Ã	-1.014(20)
$^{67}Cu$	$GT/\beta^-$	Ã	0.587(14)
$^{114}$ In	$GT/\beta^{-}$	Ã	-0.994(14)
$^{14}O/^{10}C$	$F-GT/\beta^+$	$P_F/P_{GT}$	0.9996(37)
$^{26}Al/^{30}P$	$F-GT/\beta^+$	$P_F/P_{GT}$	1.0030(40)
<sup>8</sup> Li	$GT/\beta^-$	R	0.0009(22)

#### Neutron data

Parameter	Value
$\tau_n$ (s)	879.75(76) <b>* (5 = 1.9!!)</b>
$a_n$	-0.1034(37) *
$\tilde{a}_n$	-0.1090(41)
$\tilde{A}_n$	-0.11869(99) * (s = 2.6!!)
$\tilde{B}_n$	0.9805(30) *
$\lambda_{AB}$	-1.2686(47)
$D_n$	-0.00012(20) *
$R_n$	0.004(13)
	* Average

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## Global analysis: results (1)

Gonzalez-Alonso, Naviliat-Cuncic, Severijns, 1803.08732

• Standard Model fit ( $\lambda = g_A/g_V$ ) Experimental [pre Seng et al. 1807.10197, ...]  $|V_{ud}| = 0.97416(11)(19) = 0.97416(21)$   $\rho =$ 

 $\lambda = 1.27510(66)$ 

 $ho = -0.13 \ \chi^2_{
m min}/
u = 0.57.$ 

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• Fit including BSM couplings (driven by  $\mathcal{F}t$ 's (0<sup>+</sup>  $\rightarrow$  0<sup>+</sup>),  $\tau_n$ , and  $A_n$ )

$$\tilde{V}_{ud} \equiv V_{ud} (1 + \epsilon_L + \epsilon_R) \left( 1 - \frac{\delta G_F}{G_F} \right) \qquad \text{Ist error:} \\
experimental \\
2 \% \rightarrow ~0.5\% ** \\
\sim 0.2 \% \\
\sim 0.1 \% \\
\tilde{V}_{ud} = \frac{\tilde{V}_{ud}}{\epsilon_R} \\
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$$\rho = \begin{pmatrix}
1.00 & & \\
0.00 & 1.00 & \\
0.83 & 0.00 & 1.00 & \\
0.28 & -0.04 & 0.31 & 1.00
\end{pmatrix}$$

\*\* CalLat 1805.12030



## CKM unitarity test

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Hint of something [ $\epsilon$ 's  $\neq$ 0] or SM theory input?

Worth a closer look: at the level of the best LEP EW precision tests, probing scale A~10 TeV

#### Cabibbo universality test

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V<sub>us</sub> from K→ μν  

$$\Delta_{CKM} = -(14 \pm 4) * 10^{-4}$$
 ~3.5σ  
 $\Delta_{CKM} = -(22 \pm 5) * 10^{-4}$  ~4.5σ  
V<sub>us</sub> from K→ πlv

With new radiative correction ( $\Delta_R$ ) [Seng et al. 1807.10197]

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• Model-independent statements possible in <u>"heavy BSM" scenarios</u>:  $M_{BSM} > TeV \rightarrow$  new physics looks point-like at collider

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 $\epsilon_{S,P,T}$  and one contribution to  $\epsilon_L$  arise from SU(2)xU(1) invariant 4-fermion operators





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- LEP / SLC:
  - Strong constraints (<0.1%) on L-handed vertex corrections (Z-pole)
  - Weaker constraints on 4-fermion interactions ( $\sigma_{had}$ )
- What about LHC?

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ATLAS: 1706.06786



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• The effective couplings  $\epsilon_{\alpha}$  contribute to the process  $pp \rightarrow ev + X$ 



• By SU(2) gauge invariance,  $\epsilon_{\alpha}$  contribute also to  $pp \rightarrow e^+e^- + X$ 



## LHC sensitivity: vertex corrections

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• Can be probed at the LHC by associated Higgs + W production



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Neutron decay:  $\lambda = g_A (I - 2 \epsilon_R)$ 

Constraint on ε<sub>R</sub> uses g<sub>A</sub> =1.271(13) (CalLat 1805.12030)



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#### Several lessons:

- Beta decays can be quite competitive with collider
- Connection between CC and NC (gauge invariance!)
- Caveat: going beyond a 2-operator analysis relaxes some of these constraints (but not the one on  $\epsilon_R$  from  $\lambda$ )
- All in all, beta decays provide independent competitive constraints in a global analysis



#### Example 2: $\epsilon_s$ and $\epsilon_T$ couplings



#### Example 2: Es and ET couplings



LHC puts very strong constraints on 4-fermion interactions

Prospective beta decay measurements competitive, probing  $\Lambda_{S,T} \sim 5-10 \text{ TeV}$ 

# Reliability of EFT bounds @ LHC

- What if new interactions are not "contact" at LHC energy? How are the ε bounds affected?
- Explore classes of models generating ε<sub>s,T</sub> at tree-level.
   Low-energy vs LHC amplitude:



$$A_{\beta} \sim g_{1}g_{2}/M^{2} \equiv \epsilon$$
$$A_{LHC} \sim \epsilon F[\sqrt{s/M}, \sqrt{s/\Gamma(\epsilon)}]$$

• Study dependence of the ε bounds on the mediator mass M

#### s-channel mediator



#### t-channel mediator

- Scalar leptoquark  $S_0$  (3\*,1,1/3)
- $\epsilon_T = -1/4 \epsilon_S = -1/4 \epsilon_P$





#### t-channel mediator

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 For mediator mass >ITeV, LHC bounds on ɛ's based on contact interactions are "conservative": actual bound is stronger for s-channel resonance, comparable for t-channel

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 For low mass mediators (m < 0.5 TeV), the LHC bounds on E's quickly deteriorate: limits based on contact interactions are unreliable (and EFT practitioners would never dream to extrapolate the validity to such low masses!!)



#### What if a bump is observed at LHC?

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• ...then we a lower bound on  $\varepsilon_s$ :  $\beta$ -decays provide diagnosing power



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#### **Diagnosing power**

- Spin of resonance
- Nature of "MET" (is it  $V_e$ ?)
- Additional scalars? (suppression of ε<sub>s</sub> through interference)

#### Beta decays in specific models

- Model  $\rightarrow$  set overall size and pattern of effective couplings
- Beta decays can play very useful diagnosing role
- Qualitative picture: "DNA matrix"

Can be made quantitative, including LHC constraints on each model		٤L	ε <sub>R</sub>	٤ <sub>P</sub>	٤s	٤ <sub>T</sub>	
	LRSM	x	<	x	x	x	
	LQ	√	x	√	√	√	d LQ e d V
	2HDM	x	x	<	√	x	$H^{\dagger}$
	MSSM	√	1	4	4	4	$u \xrightarrow{\chi_k^+} \nu_I$ $\widetilde{d_i^-} \xrightarrow{I} \widetilde{L_j^-}$ $d \xrightarrow{\chi_m^0} \ell_I$
YC	DUR FAVOR MODEL	TE	•••		•••		$W^+$ $\chi_i^0$ $\nu_I$ $\tilde{\nu}_J$ $\tilde{\nu}_J$ $\chi_i^ \ell_z$

#### Summary

- $\beta$  decays with sufficient th. and expt. precision (< 0.1%) are a very competitive probe of new physics
- Discovery potential depends on the underlying model. However, EFT shows that a discovery window exists well into the LHC era
  - Beta decays play unique role in probing vertex corrections  $\epsilon_L \epsilon_R$  (not enough precision at the LHC)
  - Beta decays can be competitive probes of scalar and tensor interactions if precision reaches < 0.1% ( $\epsilon_s \epsilon_T plots$ )
- Beyond "race to discovery", interesting complementarity with LHC in diagnosing what one has discovered