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Beta decay correlations with laser-trapped ^{37}K in the LHC era

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We have measured the beta asymmetry with respect to the nuclear spin in ^{37}K decay to be -0.5706 ± 0.0018 . Ours is the most accurate beta asymmetry measurement in any nucleus or the neutron, and is in agreement with the Standard Model of particle physics. I will show our constraints on beyond-Standard Model physics complementary to other beta decay measurements. I will also describe our planned improvements to TRIUMF's laser-cooled atom trap for beta decay (TRINAT), including measurement of the asymmetry of the low-energy nuclear recoils. We hope to reach accuracy sufficient to complement pion decay and high-energy experiments, probing coupling strengths of possible new bosons to first-generation particles.

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