## Atomic parity violation

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#### Outline

- Background & motivations
- Yb parity violation experiment
- Isotopic variation of parity violation in Yb
- Outlook

## **Atomic Parity Violation**

#### Main Source: Z exchange





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P-odd, T-even effect:  $\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}$ 

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Atomic Parity Violation Enhancement:

- Heavy atoms (high Z)
- Small  $\Delta E$

# How to measure parity violation on forbidden transitions?



- Many reversals to control systematics
- S/N nominally independent of electric field

#### Nuclear spin-independent atomic PV



- Probe of the nuclear weak charge  $Q_W$  Davoudiasl et al, Phys. Rev. D 89, 1402.3620
- Constrain BSM scenarios at tree-level & through oblique rad. corrections
- Probe of the "dark" sector: dark boson, cosmic parity violation (axions, ALPs)

$$Q_W \approx -N + Z \cdot (1 - 4 \sin^2 \vartheta_W)$$

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Atomic PV calculation errors cancel in isotopic ratios Dzuba, Flambaum, and Khriplovich, Z. Phys. D 1, 243 (1986)

$$R = \frac{E \mathbf{1}_{PV}'}{E \mathbf{1}_{PV}} = \frac{Q'_W}{Q_W}$$

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$$\frac{E1_{PV}}{E1'_{PV}} = 1 + \frac{\Delta N}{N} + \frac{3}{7}(aZ)^2 \frac{\left[\Delta R'_{ns} - \Delta R_{ns}\right]}{R_p}$$

Skin contribution for  $^{170}$ Yb -  $^{176}$ Yb isotopes ~ 0.1%

#### **Isotopic ratios and neutron skins** [PHYSICAL REVIEW C **79, 035501 (2009)**]

#### Dispelling the curse of the neutron skin in atomic parity violation

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#### Neutron-skin effects in different isotopes are correlated



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- Two isotopes with nuclear spin  $\rightarrow$  spin-dependent PV effects

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#### Apparatus schematic



#### Early 2018 run in 4 spin-zero isotopes



## First observation of isotopic variation of atomic PV



SM:  $Q_W \approx -N + Z(1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W) \rightarrow 1\%$  change per neutron around N=103 Observation: 0.96(15) % change per neutron

## Single isotope measurement uncertainties

Systematic uncertainties	Error (%)	
Harmonics ratio calibration	0.22	
Polarization angle	0.1	
High-voltage measurements	0.06	
Transition saturation correction	0.05 (0.09 for <sup>170</sup> Yb)	
Field-plate spacing	0.04	
Photodetector response calibration	0.02	
Stray fields & field-misalignments	0.02	
Total systematic	0.26	
Statistical uncertainty	0. 42 (0.9 for <sup>170</sup> Yb)	
Total uncertainty	0.5 (0.9 for <sup>170</sup> Yb)	

Effect comparison **bonus**:

False-PV

related

decreased sensitivity to systematics

#### Measurement sensitivity



#### Constraints on light Z´-mediated e-proton & e-neutron interactions



In collaboration with V. Flambaum

Dzuba, Flambaum and Stadnik, PRL 119, 223201 (2017)

arXiv:1804.05747

#### Atomic parity violation: Main processes



Safranova et al. arXiv:1710.01833

& type of valence nucleon

#### Main nuclear-spin-dependent process: anapole moment



- P-odd E/M moment from intranuclear PV
- Probe of weak meson-nucleon couplings (hadronic PV)

## Next stop: anapole moment



TABLE II. PNC amplitudes (*z* components) for the  $|6s^2, {}^1S_0, F_1\rangle \rightarrow |6s5d, {}^3D_1, F_2\rangle$  transitions in  ${}^{171}$ Yb and  ${}^{173}$ Yb in units of  $E'Q_W$  and  $10^{-9}iea_0$ .

A				PNC amplitude	
	Ι	$F_1 = F_2$	$F_2$	units: $E'Q_W$	units: $10^{-9}iea_0$
171	0.5	0.5	0.5	$-(1/3)(1-0.0161\varkappa)$	$6.15(1 - 0.0161\varkappa)$
		0.5	1.5	$\sqrt{2/9}(1+0.0081\varkappa)$	$-8.70(1+0.0081\varkappa$
173 2.5	2.5	2.5	1.5	$-\sqrt{4/45}(1-0.0111\varkappa)$	$5.61(1 - 0.0111\varkappa$
		2.5	2.5	$-\sqrt{5/21}(1-0.0032\varkappa)$	$9.18(1 - 0.0032\varkappa$
		2.5	3.5	$\sqrt{2/21}(1+0.0079\varkappa)$	$-5.81(1+0.0079\varkappa$

Dzuba & Flambaum, PRA 83, 042514 (2011)

"Best guess" PV difference between  $^{171}$ Yb F'=3/2 and F'=1/2 ~ 0.1% Need to boost SNR!

#### Yb sensitivity improvements (in progress)

Need x10 sensitivity enhancement for anapole, neutron skins

- Boost the Yb oven flux (x5 signal increase)
- Increase interaction region width (x2)
- Power build-up cavity mirrors upgrade (x2.5)
- Integrate longer...

## Summary





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