# Precision isotope shifts in ytterbium and implications for new physics

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#### Search for light force mediator between electron and neutrons



Effective spin-independent potential

$$V_{\phi}(r) = -N\alpha_{\rm NP} \frac{e^{-m_{\phi}r}}{r}$$
$$\alpha_{\rm NP} = (-1)^s \frac{y_e y_n}{4\pi}$$

 $y_{e}, y_{n}$ : effective charges

- 'Light':  $m_0 < 100 \text{ MeV/c}^2$
- Could measure atomic transition & compare to theory.

Problem: for interesting (heavy) atoms, theory not precise enough.

## Search for light force mediator in isotope shifts of atomic spectra

#### Probing New Long-Range Interactions by Isotope Shift Spectroscopy

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**Idea**: Use Isotope Shift (IS) data from a pair of atomic transitions in a *King-plot analysis* to constrain new light bosons.

- Data-driven approach.
- Minimal input from theory.
- Need atoms with multiple isotopes and narrow transitions.



# King-plot & its linearity

$$u^{ij}_a \equiv \nu^i_a - \nu^j_a = K_a \mu_{ij} + F_a \delta \langle r^2 \rangle_{ij}$$
Mass shift Field shift

 $K_{\alpha}$ ,  $F_{\alpha}$ : transition- dependent, isotope independent parameters

$$\delta \langle r^2 \rangle_{ij} \equiv \langle r^2 \rangle_i - \langle r^2 \rangle_j \\ \mu_{ij} \equiv m_i^{-1} - m_j^{-1}$$

Nuclear parameters (isotope-dependent)



FIG. 1. A plot of the isotope shifts in  $\lambda$ 5175 Å against the corresponding shifts in  $\lambda$ 5157 Å. The relevant data are shown in Table II.

W. H. King, JOSA, Vol. 53, 638 (1963) 🔏

Combine two transitions:

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# Breaking the King-plot linearity

$$\nu_a^{ij} = K_a \mu_{ij} + F_a \delta \langle r^2 \rangle + G_a^{(2)} \delta \langle r^2 \rangle^2 + G_a^{(4)} \delta \langle r^4 \rangle + \frac{a_{NP}}{a} D_a \Delta N$$

Mass shift

 $\frac{\nu_a^{ij}}{\mu_{ij}} = \frac{F_a}{F_b} \frac{\nu_b^{ij}}{\mu_{ij}} + \left(K_a - \frac{F_a}{F_b} K_b\right)$ 

1<sup>st</sup> order Field Shift

Quadratic FS

Nuclear-deformationdependent FS

New bosons

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 $+\left(G_{a}^{(2)}-\frac{F_{a}}{F_{b}}G_{b}^{(2)}\right)\frac{\delta\langle r^{2}\rangle^{2}}{\mu_{ij}}$  $+\left(G_{a}^{(4)}-\frac{F_{a}}{F_{b}}G_{b}^{(4)}\right)\frac{\delta\langle r^{4}\rangle}{\mu_{ij}}$  $+\frac{a_{NP}}{a}\left(D_{a}-\frac{F_{a}}{F_{b}}D_{b}\right)\frac{\Delta N}{\mu_{ij}}$ 

May cause deviations from straight line

- If no King-plot nonlinearity is observed, constrain new physics
- Can't discriminate subdominant nuclear effects from new physics
- Need at least four spin-zero isotopes of an element with narrow transitions (Sr,Yb, Ca ions, etc)

#### Most notable new-boson searches with King-plot analysis

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#### **Hints of Dark Bosons**

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A signal predicted for a type of dark matter appears in the spectra of ytterbium isotopes.



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Improved Isotope-Shift-Based Bounds on Bosons beyond the Standard Model through Measurements of the  $^2D_{3/2}-^2D_{5/2}$  Interval in  $Ca^+$ 

Cyrille Solaro, Steffen Meyer, Karin Fisher, Julian C. Berengut, Elina Fuchs, and Michael Drewsen Phys. Rev. Lett. 125, 123003 (2020) Published September 15, 2020

#### $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Evidence for Nonlinear Isotope Shift in} \\ Yb^+ \mbox{Search for New Boson} \end{array}$

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#### Yb<sup>+</sup> & Ca<sup>+</sup> results and implications



Yb<sup>+</sup>: 3σ deviation from linearity (quadratic field shift ?) Ca<sup>+</sup>: no evidence for nonlinearity

Similar sensitivity in constraining new physics in two works

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# Effect of nuclear deformation on the observed Yb<sup>+</sup> nonlinearity

Nuclear deformation as a source of the nonlinearity of the King plot in the  $\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{b}^+$  ion

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$$\begin{split} \frac{\nu_a^{ij}}{\mu_{ij}} &= \frac{F_a}{F_b} \frac{\nu_b^{ij}}{\mu_{ij}} + \left(K_a - \frac{F_a}{F_b} K_b\right) \\ &+ \left(G_a^{(2)} - \frac{F_a}{F_b} G_b^{(2)}\right) \frac{\delta \langle r^2 \rangle^2}{\mu_{ij}} \\ &+ \left(G_a^{(4)} - \frac{F_a}{F_b} G_b^{(4)}\right) \frac{\delta \langle r^4 \rangle}{\mu_{ij}} \end{split}$$

Main contributor to NL: influence of nuclear deformation on field shift



1. The deviations from linear King plot in experiment (solid les) and theory. Theoretical deviations caused by nuclear tion are shown as blue crosses, and those by QFS are shown triangles. All theoretical numbers correspond to the FIT model.

## Account for known-physics NL with generalized King analysis

Generalized King linearity and new physics searches with isotope shifts

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- Data-driven approach to account for subdominant nuclear effects
- Include more than two transitions in analysis
- With *m* transitions, *m*-2 subdominant nuclear contributions may be accounted for
- Can mix ions/neutrals

# More IS data in the Yb system seem useful



- Use generalized King analysis by combining data with those in Yb<sup>+</sup>, to account for nuclear effects.
- Validate the  $3\sigma$  observation in the Yb<sup>+</sup> experiment.
- Benchmark for nuclear calculations of the IS, since in comparing Yb<sup>+</sup>/Yb data, the effects

of nuclear contributions to the IS interaction is different.

# Doppler-free spectroscopy on two-photon transition ${}^{1}S_{0} \rightarrow {}^{1}D_{2}$



# How to measure *difference* in optical frequencies ?

 $\rightarrow$  Use multiple optical frequencies, precisely spaced



# 'Simultaneous' excitation of two isotopes



Mean laser frequency

# 'Simultaneous' excitation of two isotopes



## Main systematic 1: ac-Stark shifts



## Main systematic 2: cavity spectral imperfections

'Crosstalk' in detection channels

Measured backgrounds



#### Mixed Yb/Yb<sup>+</sup> King plot and nonlinearity



TABLE III: The deviations from the linearity of the King plot (in parts of  $10^{-6}$ ). Theoretical values are fitted to experiment by the contribution from a new boson (see Eqs. (7) and (8)).

Isotope	Yb II		Yb I	
pair	Expt.	Theory	Expt.	Theory
168 - 170	-0.1921	-0.2195	-0.2171	0.8619
170 - 172	0.2700	0.3079	0.1428	-0.1159
172 - 174	-0.4886	-0.4680	1.793	1.683
174 - 176	0.4106	0.3795	-1.732	-1.384

Calculations by V. Dzuba, V. Flambaum

- Yb accuracy in IS ~ 300 Hz (statistics limited).
- Nonlinearity few times greater than that in Yb<sup>+</sup> experiment
- Cause (theory): influence of nuclear deformation of Yb on the field shift

#### Next: Generalized King analysis (in progress)

• Neutral Yb transition & two Yb<sup>+</sup> transitions used in GK analysis to

separate new-physics contributions from known nuclear effects.

(J. Berengut, with input from V. Dzuba, V. Flambaum).

- With three transitions, one known nuclear effect can be accounted for.
- Preliminary finding: the 3σ `hint` of new-physics in Yb<sup>+</sup> King Plot reduced to 2σ (to be confirmed).

## Outlook

- Measurements on the Yb  ${}^{1}S_{0}$ - ${}^{1}D_{2}$  transition may be improved further (down to 10 Hz in IS).
- Interesting to measure narrow (180-kHz wide) transition  ${}^{1}S_{0}-{}^{3}P_{1}$  in neutral Yb
- Other measurements underway in  $Yb^+$  (S->F), Sr<sup>+</sup>, Hg, HC ions, etc.
- Better than 1 Hz precision in IS expected in near future.

# Summary

- Measured IS on a chain of five Yb isotopes in the  ${}^{1}S_{0}-{}^{1}D_{2}$  transition
- Large nonlinearity in Yb/Yb<sup>+</sup> King-plot comparison
- Likely due to influence of nuclear deformation on field shift
- Generalized King analysis will help check the interpretation of the Yb<sup>+</sup> data as new physics.





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