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**Measurement of the ratio of the  $6P_j \rightarrow 7S_{1/2}$  matrix elements in atomic cesium**<sup>1</sup> AMY DAMITZ, GEORGE TOH, NATHAN GLOTZBACH, JONAH QUIRK, IAN C. STEVENSON, J. CHOI, D.S. ELLIOTT, Purdue Univ — We report progress on a measurement of the ratio of transition matrix elements of the  $6P_j \rightarrow 7S_{1/2}$  transition in atomic cesium. We use a 1.47  $\mu\text{m}$  diode laser and a Ti:Sapphire laser at 850 nm to drive the two photon  $6S \rightarrow 7S$  transition. We measure the ratio of the polarization-dependent intensities of the transition by changing the polarization of the diode laser. Since the  $6S \rightarrow 6P$  matrix elements are well known, the ratio of the  $6P_j \rightarrow 7S_{1/2}$  matrix elements can be precisely determined. Combined with our recent measurement of the cesium  $7S$  lifetime, a new measurement of this ratio allows us to determine the  $6P_j \rightarrow 7S_{1/2}$  matrix elements.

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