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Progress Towards Measurement of the Anapole Moment of $^{137}\text{Ba}^{19}\text{F}$ SIDNEY CAHN, EMINE ALTUNTAS, DAVID DEMILLE, Yale University, MIKHAIL KOZLOV, Petersburg Nuclear Physics Institute — Weak interactions inside the nucleus produce a toroidal current distribution around the axis of nuclear spin. This current distribution, known as the nuclear anapole moment is the dominant source of nuclear spin-dependent parity violation (NSD-PV) effects for nuclei with nucleon number $A \geq 20$. We propose to measure the anapole moment of $^{137}\text{Ba}^{19}\text{F}$. To diagnose systematics and establish a measurement sequence we use $^{138}\text{Ba}^{19}\text{F}$, which has negligible NSD-PV effects. $^{138}\text{Ba}^{19}\text{F}$ has a larger isotopic abundance and fewer hyperfine levels compared to those of $^{137}\text{Ba}^{19}\text{F}$. Therefore fluorescence signals from $^{138}\text{Ba}^{19}\text{F}$ are approximately 26 times larger than those from $^{137}\text{Ba}^{19}\text{F}$. Here we present planned improvements to our apparatus, including a magnetic hexapole lens to improve the molecular beam flux and preliminary spectroscopy measurements with $^{137}\text{Ba}^{19}\text{F}$.

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