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# RPPR Final Report

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**STEM Degrees:**

**STEM Participants:**

**Major Goals:** Demonstrate the radioisotope barium-133 as an "optimized" trapped ion qubit whose unique atomic structure combines many desirable properties of different ion qubits in a single species.

**Accomplishments:** We trapped, laser cooled, performed the necessary spectroscopy, and operated the clock-state hyperfine qubit in  $^{133}\text{Ba}^+$ .

Initially, state detection was done using frequency selection on the laser cooling transition. Since that time, we began to demonstrate the pieces needed to perform electron shelving for detection. In collaboration with Paul Hamilton's group (who also need this laser), we built a 455 nm external cavity diode laser and stabilized it to the  $2P_{3/2} \leftrightarrow 2S_{1/2}$  transition in  $\text{Ba}^+$ . We showed that we can use this light to pump  $^{138}\text{Ba}^+$  into the  $2D_{5/2}$  shelving state, which is followed by a  $\sim 30$  s recovery via the finite lifetime of that state. Naturally, we would like to "de-shelve" the ions more quickly than this, which requires light at 614 nm, which is challenging. We purchased and characterized a series of LEDs that have some overlap with 614 nm, and prepared to test this as a deshelling method.

We also started working toward driving hyperfine transitions in the  $2D_{3/2}$  state of  $^{133}\text{Ba}^+$  with applied RF (just less than 1 GHz). We began by trying to couple the RF directly to one of the trap rods with the goal of achieving a Rabi frequency on the order of 1 MHz

We also published our first spectroscopy results on this species in PRL. The APS decided to feature this paper with a synopsis in Physics.

**Training Opportunities:** Both the graduate student (Justin Christensen) and the postdoc (Dave Hucul) on this project attended conferences (typically, DAMOP) during this project and presented their results.

**Results Dissemination:** Our work was published in PRL, and a few pieces for the media were made, including a Synopsis in Physics.

**Honors and Awards:** WCC was selected by the Editorial Board of J. Phys. B. as an "Emerging Leader," 2017

Graduate student Justin Christensen won Best Poster prize at the North American Conference for Trapped Ions in Boulder, CO.

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**Participant Type:** Postdoctoral (scholar, fellow or other postdoctoral position)

**Participant:** David Hucul

**Person Months Worked:** 12.00

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International Collaboration:

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Other Collaborators:

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**Abstract:**  $^{133}\text{Ba}^+$  has been identified as an attractive ion for quantum information processing due to the unique combination of its spin-1/2 nucleus and visible wavelength electronic transitions. Using a microgram source of radioactive material, we trap and laser cool the synthetic  $A=133$  radioisotope of barium II in a radio-frequency ion trap. Using the same, single trapped atom, we measure the isotope shifts and hyperfine structure of the  $6\ 2P_{1/2}$ ,  $6\ 2S_{1/2}$  and  $6\ 2P_{1/2} \rightarrow 5\ 2D_{3/2}$  electronic transitions that are needed for laser cooling, state preparation, and state detection of the clock-state hyperfine and optical qubits. We also report the  $6\ 2P_{1/2} \rightarrow 5\ 2D_{3/2}$  electronic transition isotope shift for the rare  $A=130$  and  $132$  barium nuclides, completing the spectroscopic characterization necessary for laser cooling all long-lived barium II isotopes.

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**Project Title: An optimized qubit for the next generation of quantum information: The A = 133 isotope of barium**

**Principal Investigator:** Wes Campbell, UCLA

**Co- Investigators:** Eric Hudson, UCLA

**Postdoctoral Associates:** David Hucul, UCLA

**Graduate Students:** Justin Christensen, UCLA

**Start Date:** 07/01/2015

**End Date:** 06/30/2017

**Main Project Goals:**

Demonstrate the radioisotope barium-133 as an “optimized” trapped ion qubit whose unique atomic structure combines many desirable properties of different ion qubits in a single species.

**Project Description:**

Among the atomic ions that could be used for quantum information storage and processing, barium-133, a man-made radioisotope, possesses several unique and desirable properties that are not found in any naturally occurring species. These properties combine to make it a nearly ideal qubit. Specifically, the barium electronic structure provides transitions in the visible part of the electromagnetic spectrum, enabling the use of the high-power lasers, low-loss fibers, high quantum efficiency detectors, and other optical equipment not available to ion species currently in use. The nuclear structure of barium-133 provides a robust hyperfine clock state qubit that is easy to initialize and detect, yet protects the qubit coherence during shuttling and storage. These features make it compatible with existing traps and in many ways superior to species currently in use, particularly for a QCCD architecture and for remote linking via photons. Under this program, we have developed techniques to load and cool  $^{133}\text{Ba}^+$ , as well as perform state initialization and state detection. We have also shown that the radioactivity of this isotope is a complication that can be dealt with in a way that is compatible with essentially all existing trapped ion quantum information processors, and is justified by the advantages of this species over the other ions in use.

**Accomplishments since July QCPR meeting:**

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### Milestone summary

Completed	Future
Obtain $^{133}Ba$	D Microwave transitions
Trap $^{133}Ba^+$	Better state prep, detection
S,P,D state spectroscopy	
Laser cooling $^{133}Ba^+$	
HF qubit state preparation	
HF qubit state detection	
S microwave transitions	
Single qubit operations	

### Publications/Patents:

- David Hucul, Justin E. Christensen, Eric R. Hudson, and Wesley C. Campbell. Spectroscopy of a Synthetic Trapped Ion Qubit. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **119**, 100501 (2017)

### Presentations:

- D. Hucul, *et al.* “Laser-cooling and trapping the Goldilocks Qubit:  $^{133}Ba^+$ ” 1<sup>st</sup> North American Conference on Trapped Ions, Boulder Co, August 2017

### Additional Information:

Relevant data/figures