Antimatter in the lab

Lecture 2

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Recap

Lecture 1

1. What is antimatter?

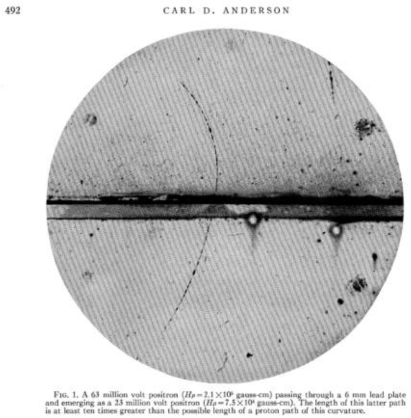

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FIG. 1. A 63 million volt positron ($H\rho = 2.1\times10^5$ gauss-cm) passing through a 6 mm lead plate and emerging as a 23 million volt positron ($H\rho = 7.5\times10^4$ gauss-cm). The length of this latter path is at least ten times greater than the possible length of a proton path of this curvature.

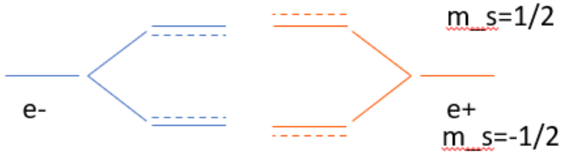
$$(i\gamma^{\mu}\partial_{\mu} - m)\,\Psi(\boldsymbol{x},t) = 0$$

$$E = +E_p = +\sqrt{p^2+m^2} \qquad E = -E_p = -\sqrt{p^2+m^2}$$

$$\Psi_1 = A\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \frac{p}{m+E_p} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{-ip^{\mu}x_{\mu}} \qquad \Psi_3 = A\begin{pmatrix} \frac{-p}{E_p+m} \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{-ip^{\mu}x_{\mu}}$$

$$\Psi_2 = A\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \frac{-p}{E_p+m} \end{pmatrix} e^{-ip^{\mu}x_{\mu}} \qquad \Psi_4 = A\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{p}{E_p+m} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-ip^{\mu}x_{\mu}}$$

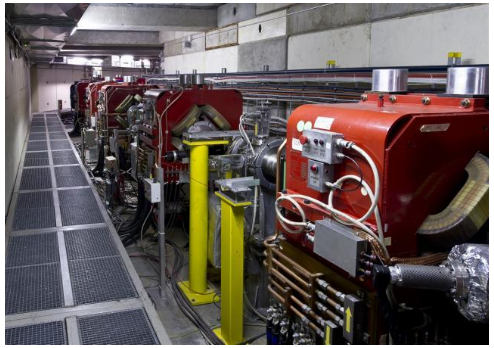
2. Why study antimatter?

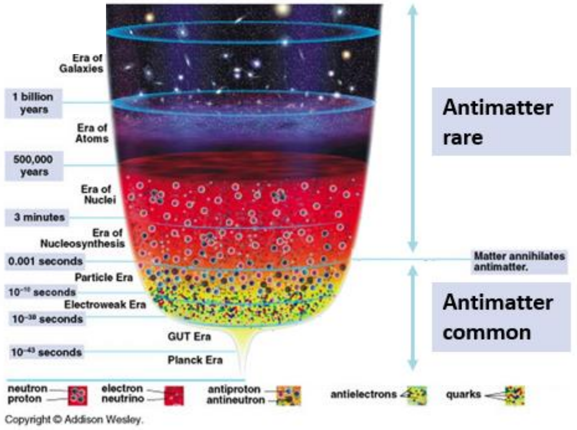


In a magnetic field

3. How do we make antimatter at CERN?


(Maximilien Brice/CERN)





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SHOULD NOT EXIST (according to known physics)

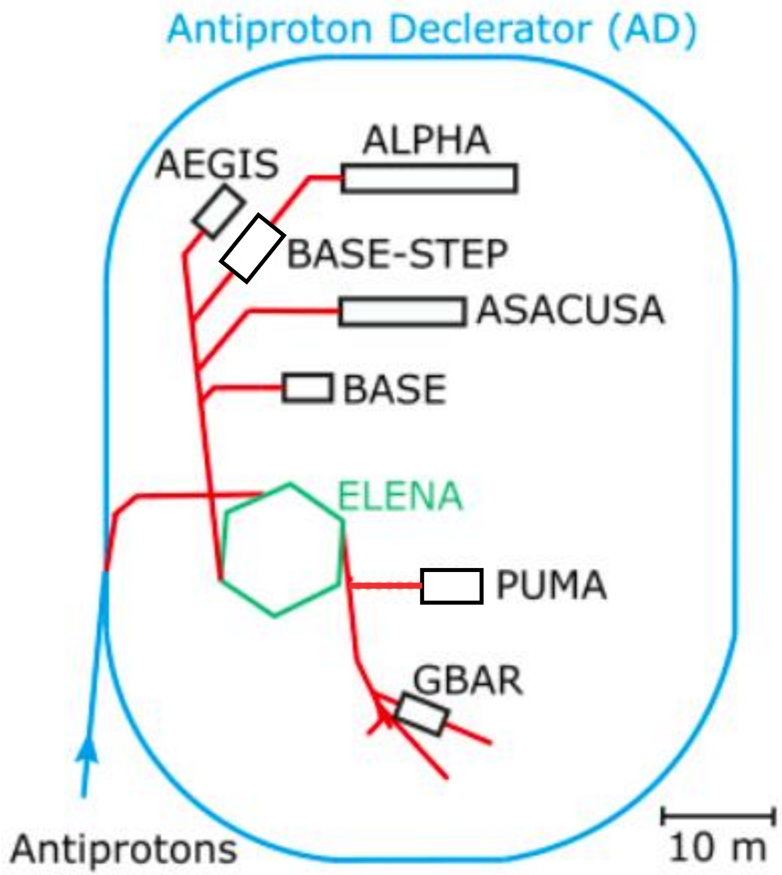
Problem: one billion times more matter left over than expected

Figure adapted from "The Essential Cosmic Perspective", by Bennett, Voit, and Donahue

Overview

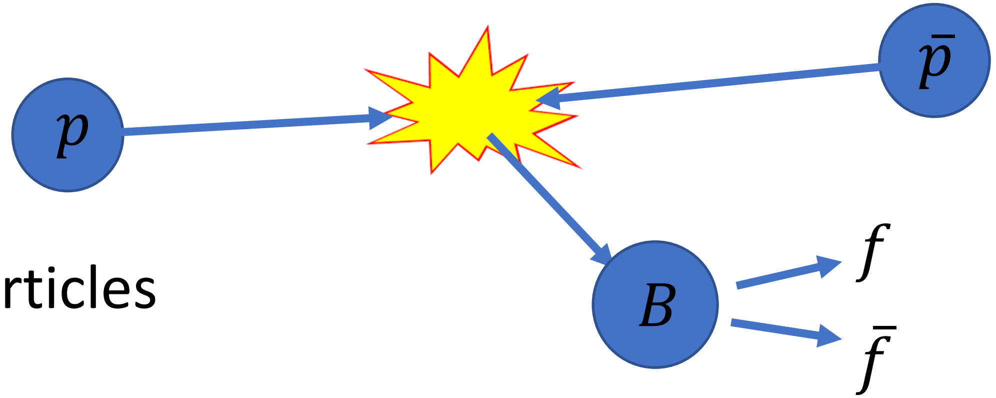
Lecture 2:Experiments at the Antimatter Factory

1. Catching and storing antimatter
2. Measurements on antiprotons
3. Spectroscopy of anti-atoms
4. Gravity and antihydrogen
5. Taking antimatter out of the lab (and into another lab..)



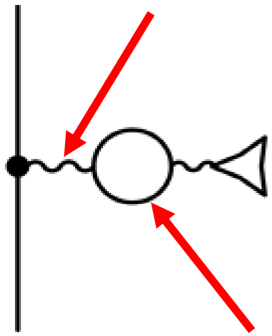
Low energy physics

- High energy experiments (direct search)
  - Produce and detect new particles in high energy particle collisions
  - High energies needed to make non-virtual particles



- Precision experiments: (indirect search)

$$\frac{g_{electron}}{2} = 1 + a_{QED} + a_{\mu,\tau} + a_{weak} + a_{hadrons} + a_{New\ physics}$$



Any interacting boson

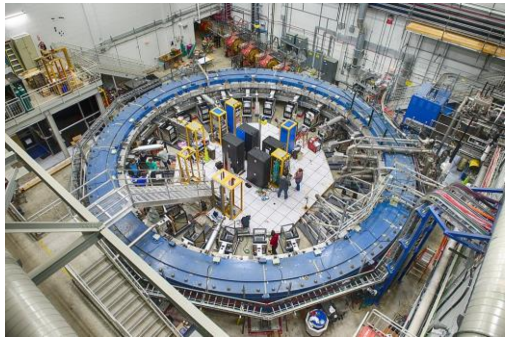
Any fermion/
antifermion pair

So far, all low energy CPT tests have been consistent with no CPT breaking

Other efforts

Many groups studying antimatter. Some notable ones are:

Positron-electron magnetic moment University of Washington/Harvard, new effort at Northwestern
Van Dyke& Dehmelt / Gabrielse Gabrielse



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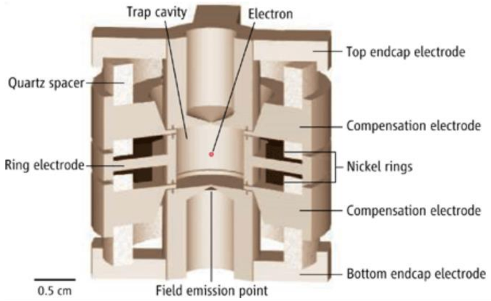
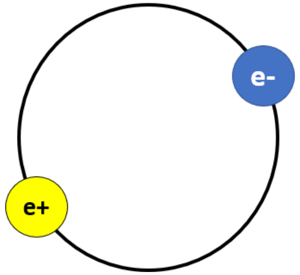


Gabrielse /Harvard

Muon-antimuon magnetic moment Fermilab, formerly Brookhaven

Positronium, muonium, bound states of electrons/positron and antimuon+ electron: many groups



Kaons, B mesons, other collider searches

D. Hanneke et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. **100** (2008)
R.S. Van Dyke, Jr., P.B. Schwinberg, and H.G. Dehmelt, Phys. Rev. Lett. **59**, 26 (1987)
G.W. Bennett et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **89**, 101804 (2002)
B. Abi et al. (Muon g−2 Collaboration) Phys. Rev. Lett. **126**, (2021)

Why many efforts?

Minimal Standard Model Extension (SME)

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}^{\mathrm{CPT-even}}_{\mathrm{lepton}} &= \tfrac{1}{2}i(c_L)_{\mu\nu AB}\overline{L}_A\gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{D^\nu} L_B \\ &+\tfrac{1}{2}i(c_R)_{\mu\nu AB}\overline{R}_A\gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{D^\nu} R_B \quad ,\end{aligned}\tag{9}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{\mathrm{CPT-odd}}_{\mathrm{lepton}} = -(a_L)_{\mu AB}\overline{L}_A\gamma^\mu L_B - (a_R)_{\mu AB}\overline{R}_A\gamma^\mu R_B \quad ,\tag{10}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}^{\mathrm{CPT-even}}_{\mathrm{quark}} &= \tfrac{1}{2}i(c_Q)_{\mu\nu AB}\overline{Q}_A\gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{D^\nu} Q_B \\ &+\tfrac{1}{2}i(c_U)_{\mu\nu AB}\overline{U}_A\gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{D^\nu} U_B \\ &+\tfrac{1}{2}i(c_D)_{\mu\nu AB}\overline{D}_A\gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{D^\nu} D_B \quad ,\end{aligned}\tag{11}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}^{\mathrm{CPT-odd}}_{\mathrm{quark}} &= -(a_Q)_{\mu AB}\overline{Q}_A\gamma^\mu Q_B - (a_U)_{\mu AB}\overline{U}_A\gamma^\mu U_B \\ &-(a_D)_{\mu AB}\overline{D}_A\gamma^\mu D_B \quad .\end{aligned}\tag{12}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}^{\mathrm{CPT-even}}_{\mathrm{Yukawa}} &= -\tfrac{1}{2}\big[(H_L)_{\mu\nu AB}\overline{L}_A\phi\sigma^{\mu\nu}R_B \\ &+(H_U)_{\mu\nu AB}\overline{Q}_A\phi^c\sigma^{\mu\nu}U_B \\ &+(H_D)_{\mu\nu AB}\overline{Q}_A\phi\sigma^{\mu\nu}D_B\big] + \mathrm{h.c.}\end{aligned}\tag{13}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}^{\mathrm{CPT-even}}_{\mathrm{Higgs}} &= \tfrac{1}{2}(k_{\phi\phi})^{\mu\nu}(D_\mu\phi)^\dagger D_\nu\phi + \mathrm{h.c.} \\ &-\tfrac{1}{2}(k_{\phi B})^{\mu\nu}\phi^\dagger\phi B_{\mu\nu} \\ &-\tfrac{1}{2}(k_{\phi W})^{\mu\nu}\phi^\dagger W_{\mu\nu}\phi \quad ,\end{aligned}\tag{14}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{\mathrm{CPT-odd}}_{\mathrm{Higgs}} = i(k_\phi)^\mu\phi^\dagger D_\mu\phi + \mathrm{h.c.} \quad .\tag{15}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}^{\mathrm{CPT-even}}_{\mathrm{gauge}} &= -\tfrac{1}{2}(k_G)_{\kappa\lambda\mu\nu}\mathrm{Tr}(G^{\kappa\lambda}G^{\mu\nu}) \\ &-\tfrac{1}{2}(k_W)_{\kappa\lambda\mu\nu}\mathrm{Tr}(W^{\kappa\lambda}W^{\mu\nu}) \\ &-\tfrac{1}{4}(k_B)_{\kappa\lambda\mu\nu}B^{\kappa\lambda}B^{\mu\nu} \quad .\end{aligned}\tag{16}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}^{\mathrm{CPT-odd}}_{\mathrm{gauge}} &= (k_3)_\kappa\epsilon^{\kappa\lambda\mu\nu}\mathrm{Tr}(G_\lambda G_{\mu\nu} + \tfrac{2}{3}ig_3G_\lambda G_\mu G_\nu) \\ &+(k_2)_\kappa\epsilon^{\kappa\lambda\mu\nu}\mathrm{Tr}(W_\lambda W_{\mu\nu} + \tfrac{2}{3}igW_\lambda W_\mu W_\nu) \\ &+(k_1)_\kappa\epsilon^{\kappa\lambda\mu\nu}B_\lambda B_{\mu\nu} + (k_0)_\kappa B^\kappa \quad .\end{aligned}\tag{17}$$

Non-minimal Standard Model Extension (SME)

18 pages to write down

Don't know a priori where to look!

CPT breaking coefficients proportional to (energy)^(-order)

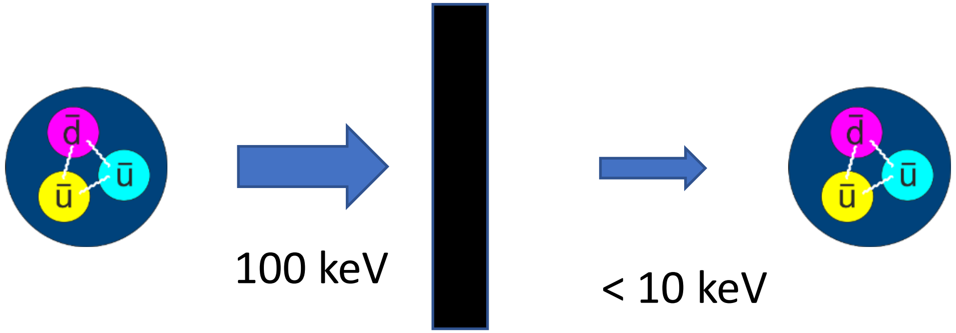
Measurement	Energy scale	Fractional precision	Measurement in energy units
$K_0 - \bar{K}_0$ mass difference	Mass of two Kaons ~1 GeV	4.8x10^{-19}	4.8x10^{-19} GeV
$\overline{H}$ 1S-2S	~2500 THz	2x10^{-12}	2x10^{-20} GeV
$\bar{p}$ magnetic moment	Larmor frequency ~81 MHz at 1.95 T	1.5x10^{-9}	5x10^{-25} GeV

Catching and storing antimatter

Final step of slowing

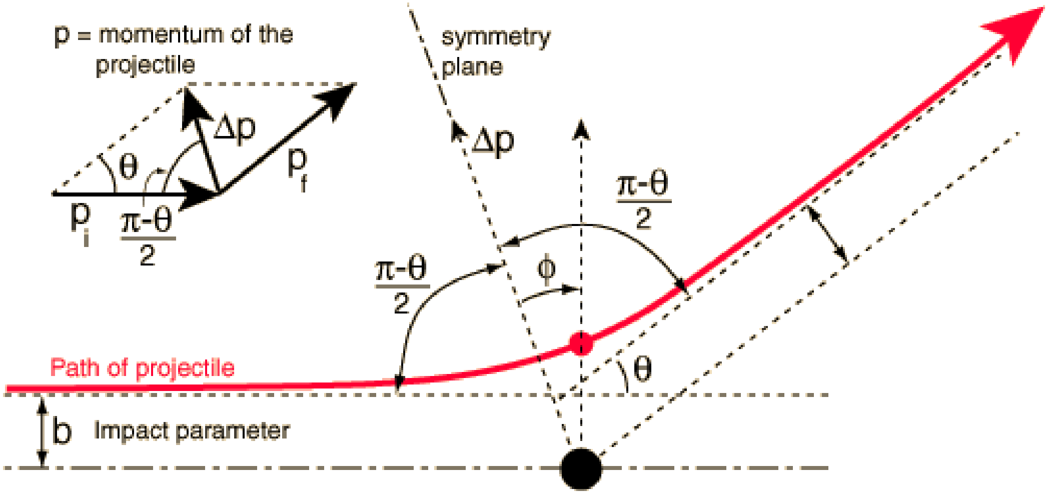
Final ELENA energy 100 keV, need a final step to reach trappable energies

Degrader foil

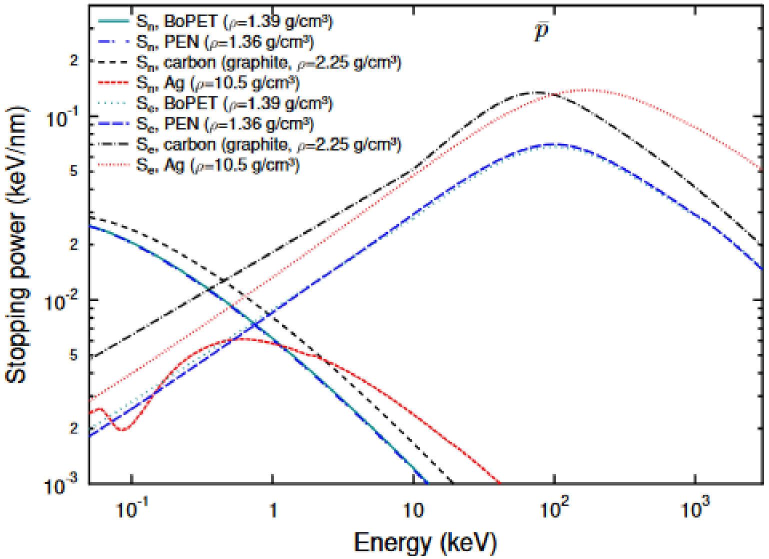


100 keV

< 10 keV



$$S = -\frac{dE}{dx}$$



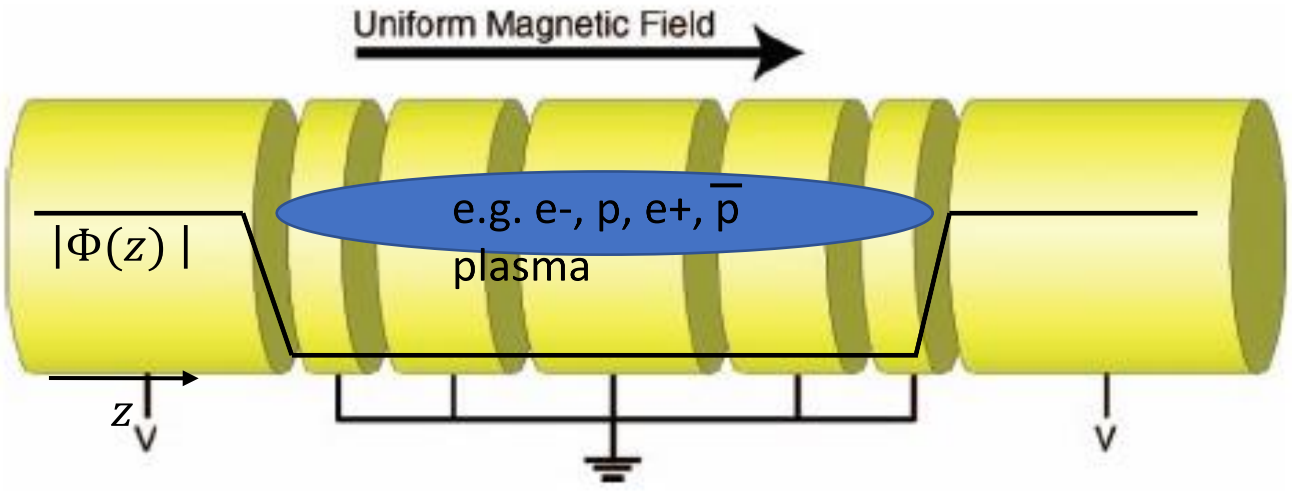
Sum of scattering from electrons and Rutherford scattering from nuclei

Up to ~50% antiprotons transmitted

J.F. Ziegler, J. Appl. Phys. **85**, 1249-1272 (1999). *(Author of SRIM)*
K. Nordlund et al., Phys. Rev. A **106** (2022)

Catching antiprotons

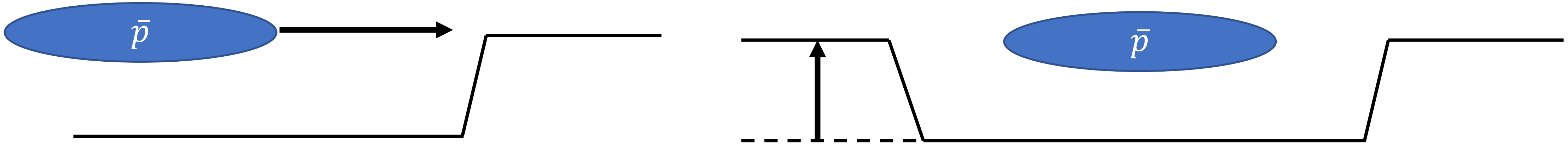
Strong magnetic and moderate electric fields used



Penning-Malberg trap

Radial confinement from Lorentz force on charged particles in 1-2 T magnetic field

Axial confinement from voltages applied to electrodes



t0

t1

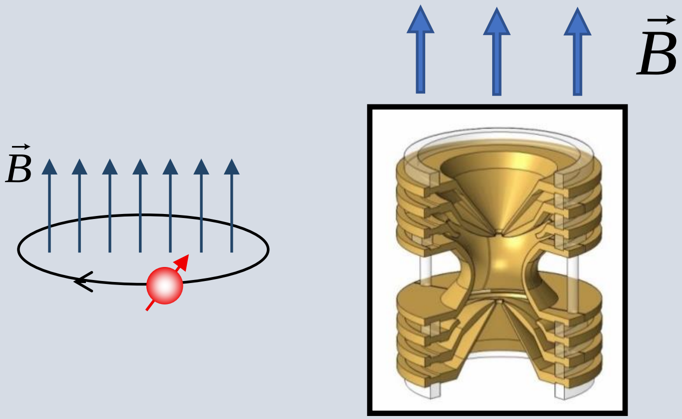
Can co-trap with electrons and use these to sympathetically cool

Measurements on antiprotons

Properties

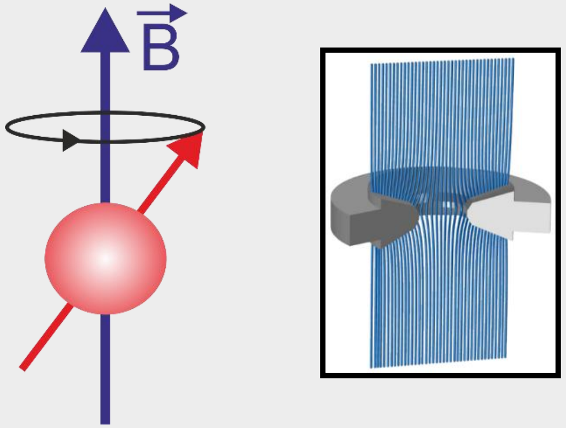
Measurements

Cyclotron Frequency



$$\omega_c = \frac{q}{m} B$$

Larmor Frequency



$$\omega_L = g \frac{e}{2m_p} B$$

Trap loss rate

CPT Tests

$$\frac{\omega_{c,\bar{p}}}{\omega_{c,p}} = \frac{q_{\bar{p}}/m_{\bar{p}}}{q_p/m_p}$$ Charge to mass comparison

$\frac{\omega_{c,\bar{p}}}{\omega_{c,p}}(\text{Year})$ Gravity, clock comparison

$$\frac{\omega_L}{\omega_c} = \frac{g}{2} = \frac{\mu}{\mu_N}$$

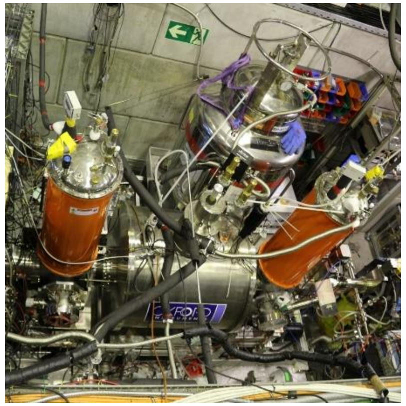
Magnetic moment

$t_{\bar{p}}$

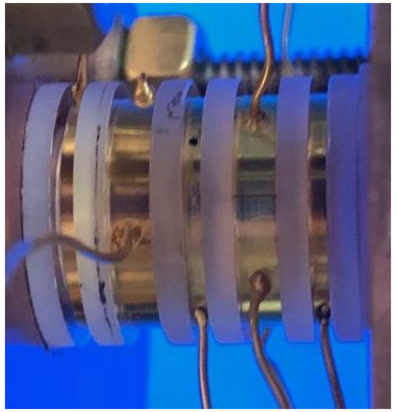
Lifetime

Frequency measurements in a Penning trap

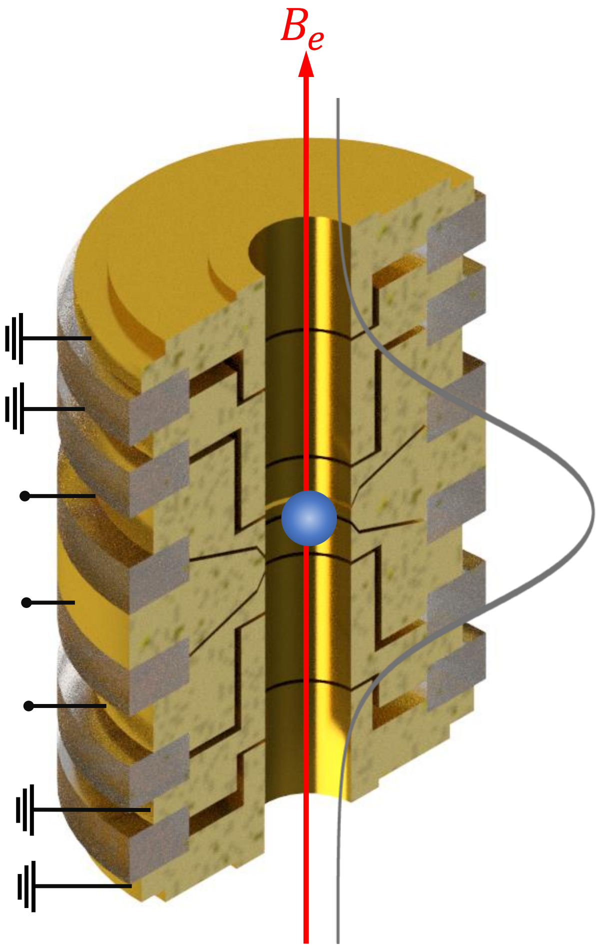
1.95 T B field from solenoid



Voltages applied to ring-shaped electrodes



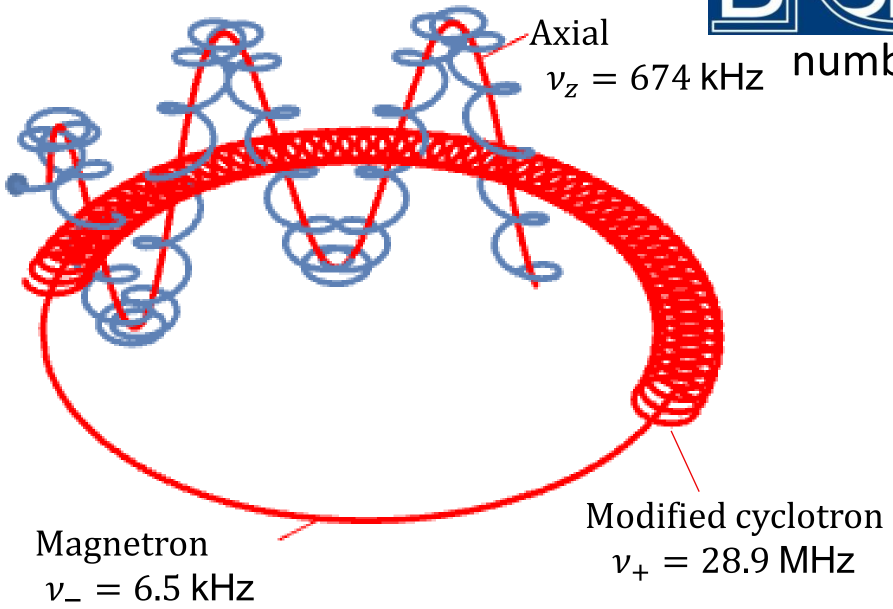
A Penning trap



$\Phi(0,z)$

$$\Phi(\rho,z) = V_0 C_2 (z^2 - \frac{\rho^2}{2})$$

numbers



$$\sqrt{\nu_z^2 + \nu_+^2 + \nu_-^2} = \nu_c = \frac{q}{2\pi m} B_e$$

Orbit is sum of three normal modes

Measure frequencies and get access to charge-to-mass ratio and magnetic field

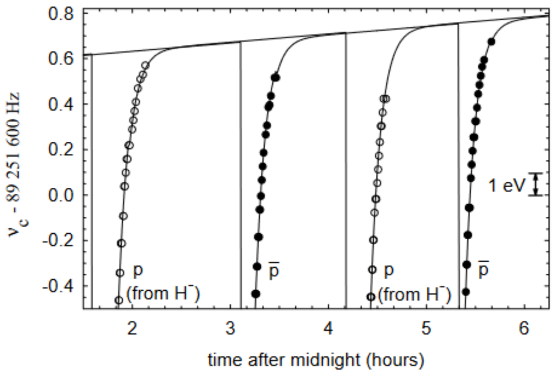
Charge-to-mass ratio comparisons

$$R = \frac{\nu_{c,\bar{p}}}{\nu_{c,H^-}} = \frac{(q/m)_{\bar{p}}}{(q/m)_{H^-}} \mathrm{x} \frac{B/2\pi}{B/2\pi} = \frac{(q/m)_{\bar{p}}}{(q/m)_{H^-}}$$

$$m_{H^-} = m_p\left(1 + 2\frac{m_e}{m_p} - \frac{E_b}{m_p} - \frac{E_a}{m_p} + \frac{\alpha_{\mathrm{pol},H^-} B_0^2}{m_p}\right)$$

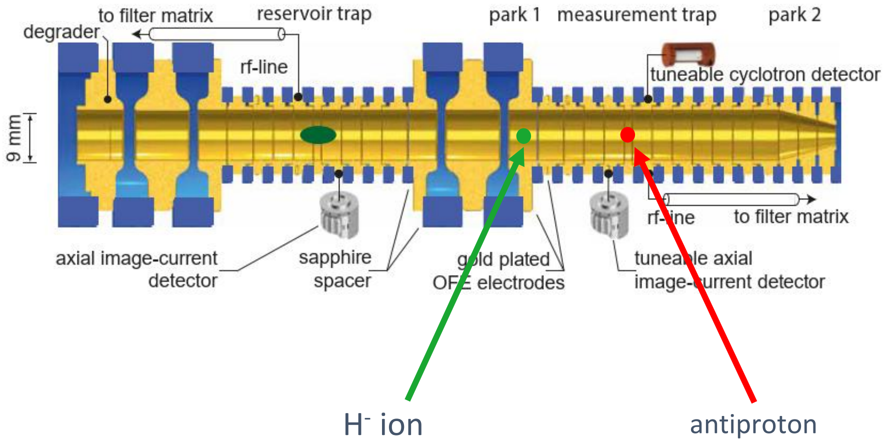
R_{theo} = 1.001 089 218 754 2(2)

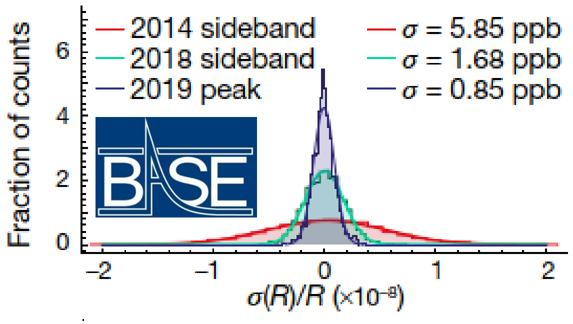
Multiyear campaign performed by G. Gabrielse and collaborators at CERN's LEAR Decelerator 1990's



Single trap, 2 hrs to exchange particles, 90 ppt reached

2 measurements by BASE at CERN's AD





Multi trap, 2 minutes to exchange particles,

$$-\frac{(q/m)_{\bar{p}}}{(q/m)_p} = 1.000000000003(16)$$

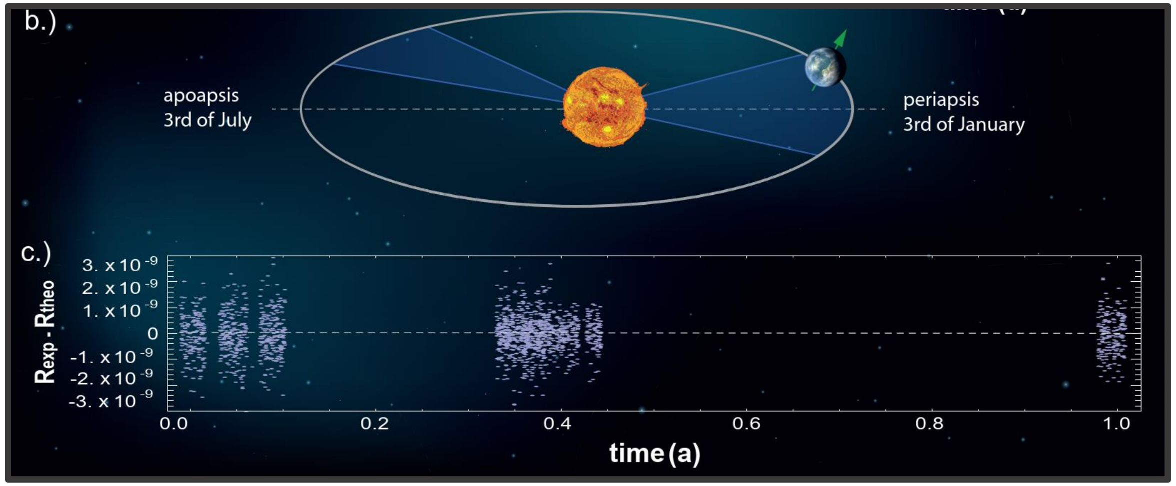
16 ppt reached

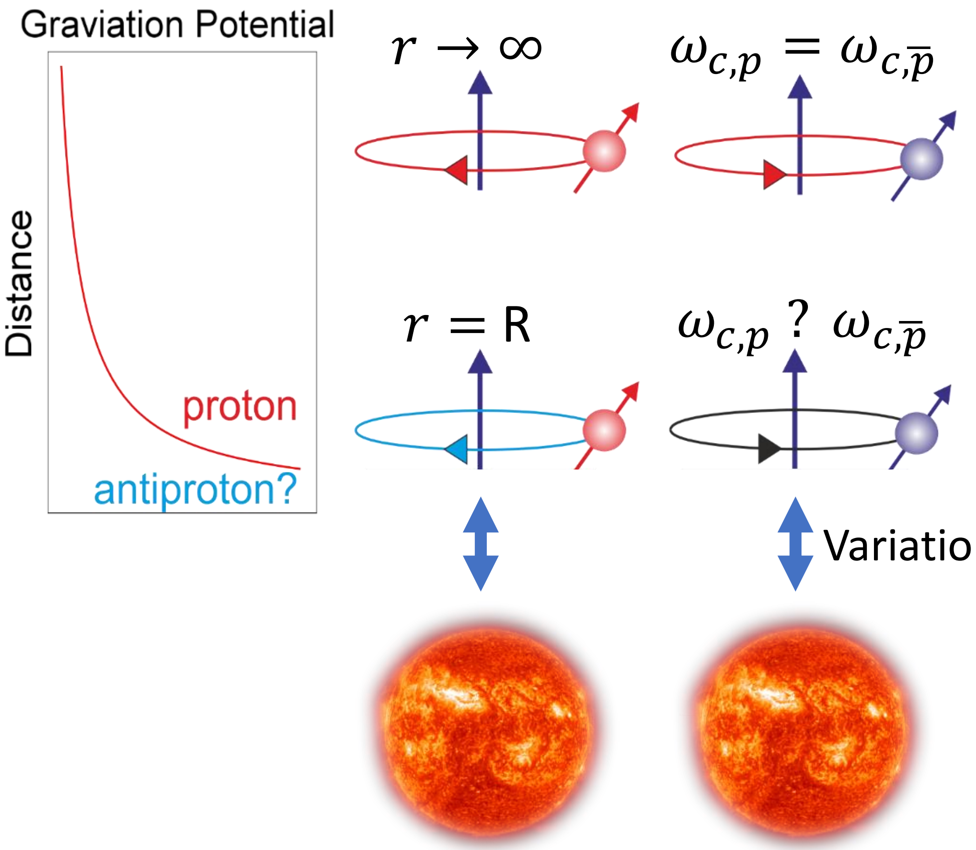
G. Gabrielse et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **82** (1999)
M Borchert et al., Nature **601** (2022)

Gravity

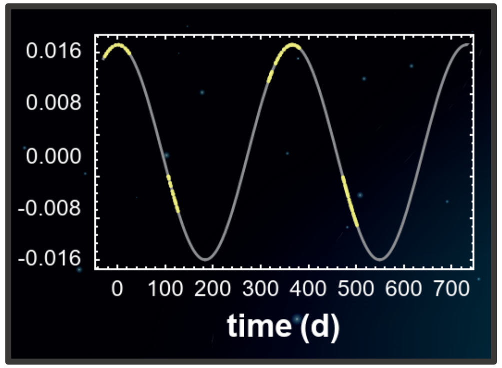
Clock comparison between matter and antimatter clocks in a gravitational potential

Relies on assumptions about CPT





Variation in distance modulates effect

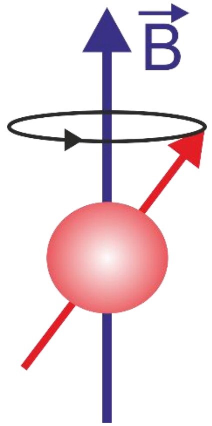


$$\frac{\Delta R(t)}{R_{\text{avg}}} = \frac{3GM_{\text{sun}}}{c^2}(\alpha_{g,D}-1)\left(\frac{1}{O(t)}-\frac{1}{O(t_0)}\right)$$

Property	Limit
$\alpha_g - 1$	$< 1.8 * 10^{-7}$
$\alpha_{g,D} - 1$	< 0.03

M Borchert et al., Nature **601** (2022)

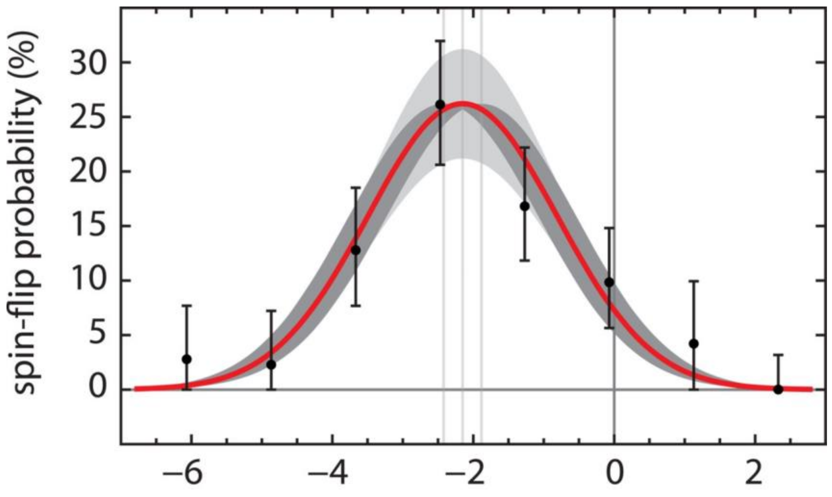
Measuring the magnetic moment



$$\omega_L = g\frac{e}{2m_p}B$$

$$\frac{g}{2} = \frac{\mu}{\mu_N} = \frac{\omega_L}{\omega_c}$$

How to measure the Larmor frequency ω_L?



$$\omega_{rf}\frac{2}{g_{\text{CODATA}}\,\omega_c} - 1\ \text{(ppb)}$$

Weak radiofrequency magnetic field most likely to flip antiproton spin at ω_L

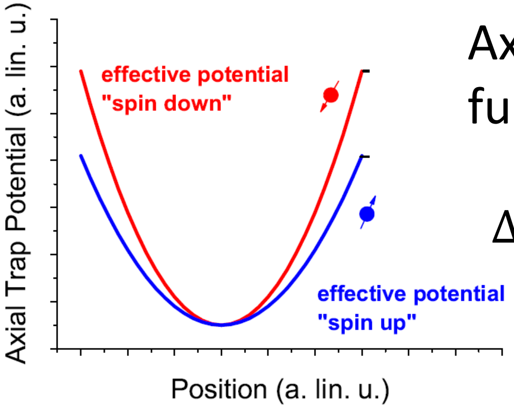
How to measure spin?

Continuous Stern-Gerlach effect

$$\mathrm{H}_M = -(\overrightarrow{\mu_p}\cdot\vec{B})$$

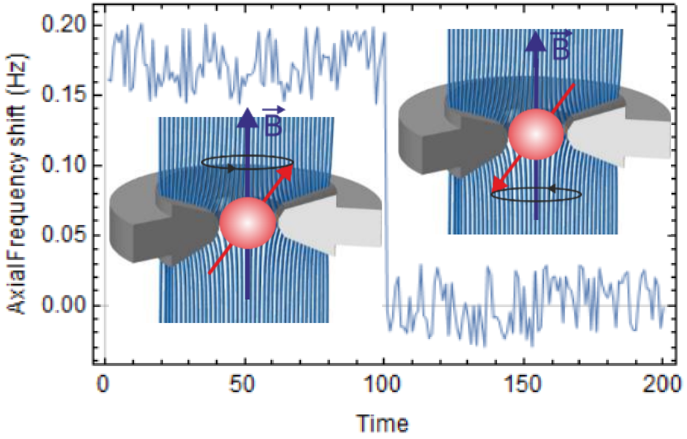
Energy of magnetic dipole in magnetic field

$$B_z = B_0 + B_2\left(z^2 - \frac{\rho^2}{2}\right)$$



Axial frequency becomes function of spin state

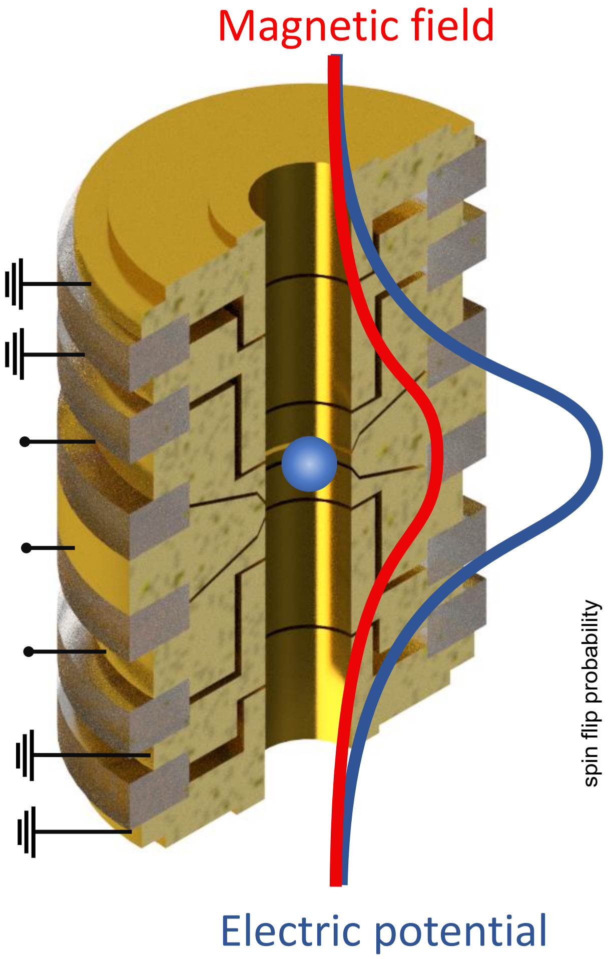
$$\Delta\nu_z \sim \frac{\mu_p B_2}{m_p\nu_z} := \alpha_p\frac{B_2}{\nu_z}$$



G. Schneider et al., Science. **358** 6366 (2017)

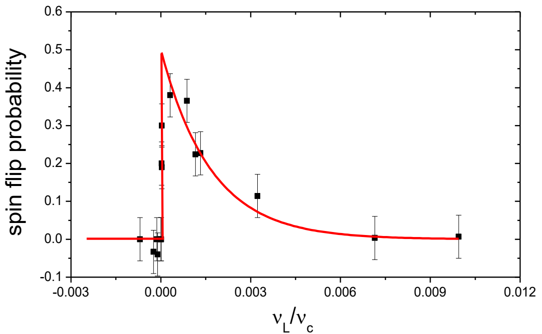
Method

Single trap method



Measure ω_L and ω_c and spin states in the same trap

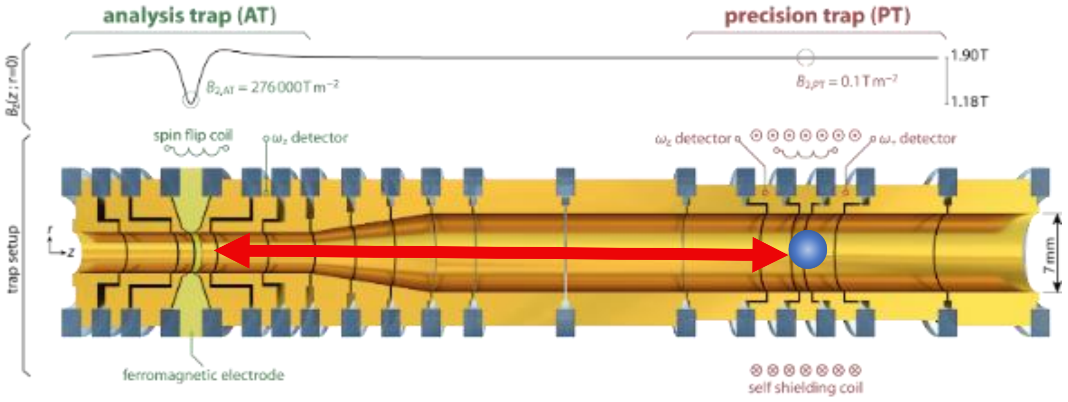
Works well for electrons, but large quadratic B field adds temperature broadening, limits measurements

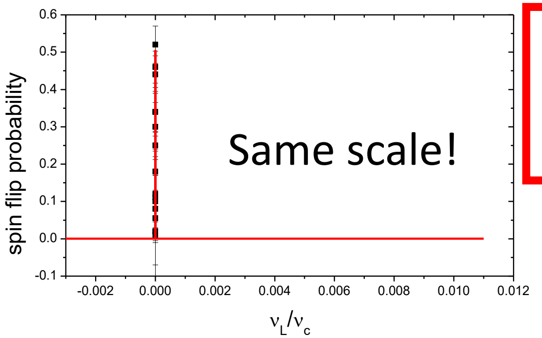


Proton: 2.5 ppm
Antiproton: 0.8 ppm
Electron: 0.28 **ppt**
Positron: 4.3 **ppt**

Double trap method

Separate spin state identification from measuring ω_L and ω_c





Same scale!

Proton: 0.3 **ppb**
Antiproton: 1.2 **ppb**

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DiSciacca, J. & Gabrielse, G. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **108**, 153001 (2012)
H. Nagahama et al. Nature Communications **8** (2017)
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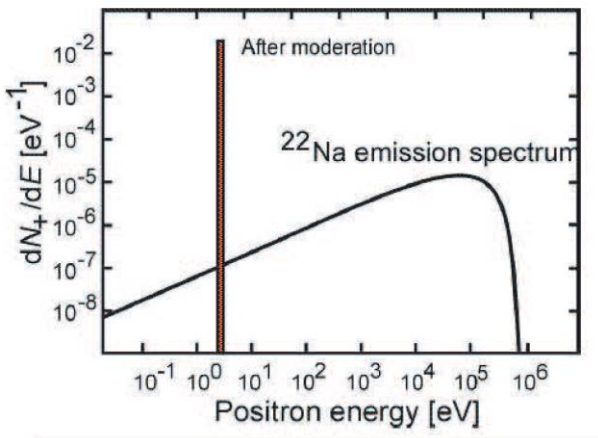
Van Dyck, R.S., Jr.; Schwinberg, P.B.; Dehmelt, H.G. Phys. Rev. Lett. **59** (1987)

Spectroscopy of anti-atoms

What about the positrons?

Need positrons to make antihydrogen

Radioactive source and moderation with frozen noble gas



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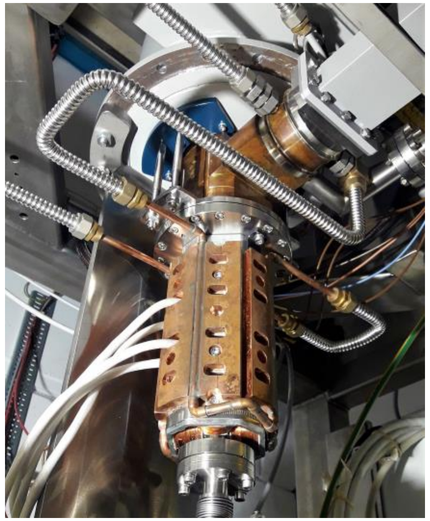
~ 5 million slow e+ per second



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e- accelerated 10 MeV onto a water-cooled tungsten target to form positrons by pair production, moderated by tungsten mesh

~ 40 million slow e+ per second

Producing antihydrogen

1) Recombination $\bar{p} + e^+ \rightarrow \bar{H} + \text{UV photon}$

2) Three body recombination $\bar{p} + e^+ + e^+ \rightarrow \bar{H} + e^+$

rate 2)>> rate 1) typically

ATRAP

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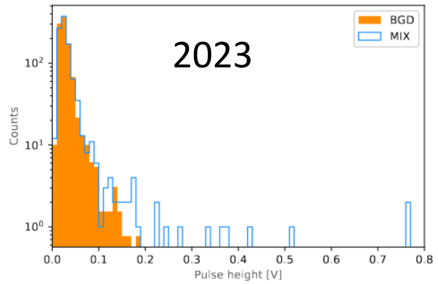
ALPHA: 2.6 ± 0.2 detected $\bar{H}$ trapped per minute

3) Charge transfer $\bar{p} + \text{positronium} \rightarrow \bar{H} + e^-$

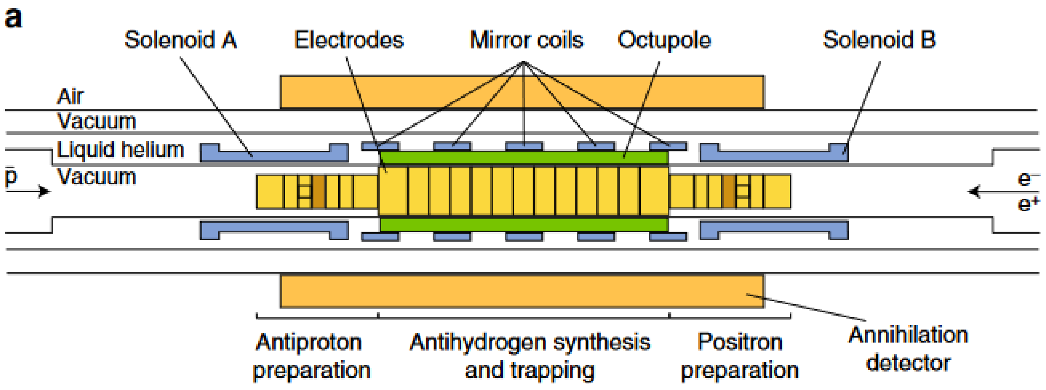


GBAR: 0.0089 $\bar{H}$ per antiproton pulse
~112 s per pulse

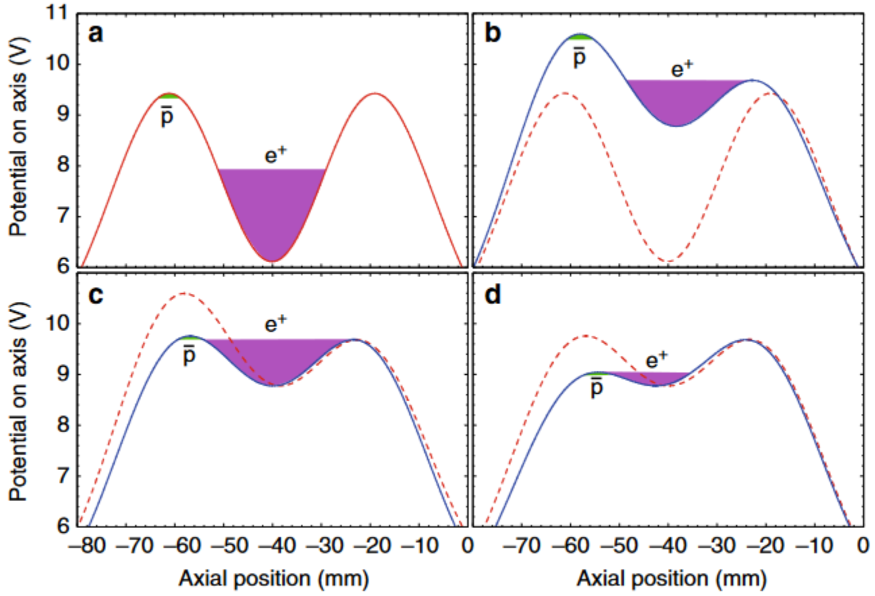
AEGIS: 0.021(5) $\bar{H}$ per attempt,
~15 minutes per attempt

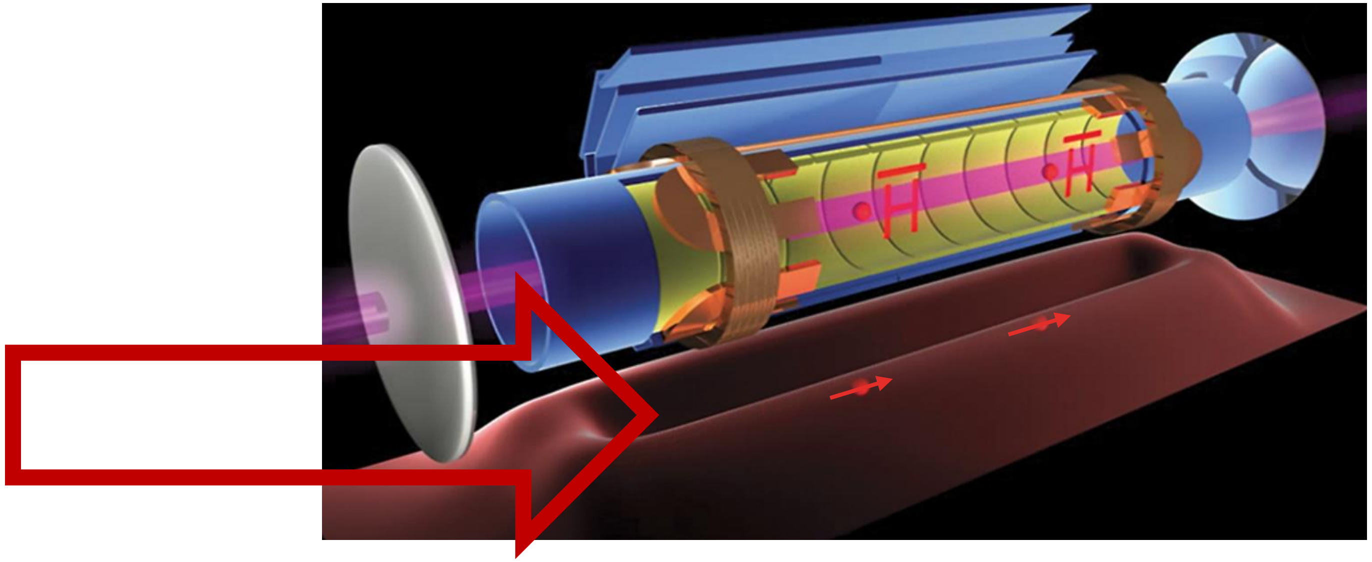
M. Ahmadi, Nature Communications **8** (2017)
C. Amsler et al., Nature Communications Physics **4** (2021)
F Robicheaux J. Phys. B: At. Mol. Opt. Phys. **41** (2008)
arXiv:2306.15801 [hep-ex] (2023)

Antihydrogen production in ALPHA



Careful control of antiproton and positron temperatures and densities

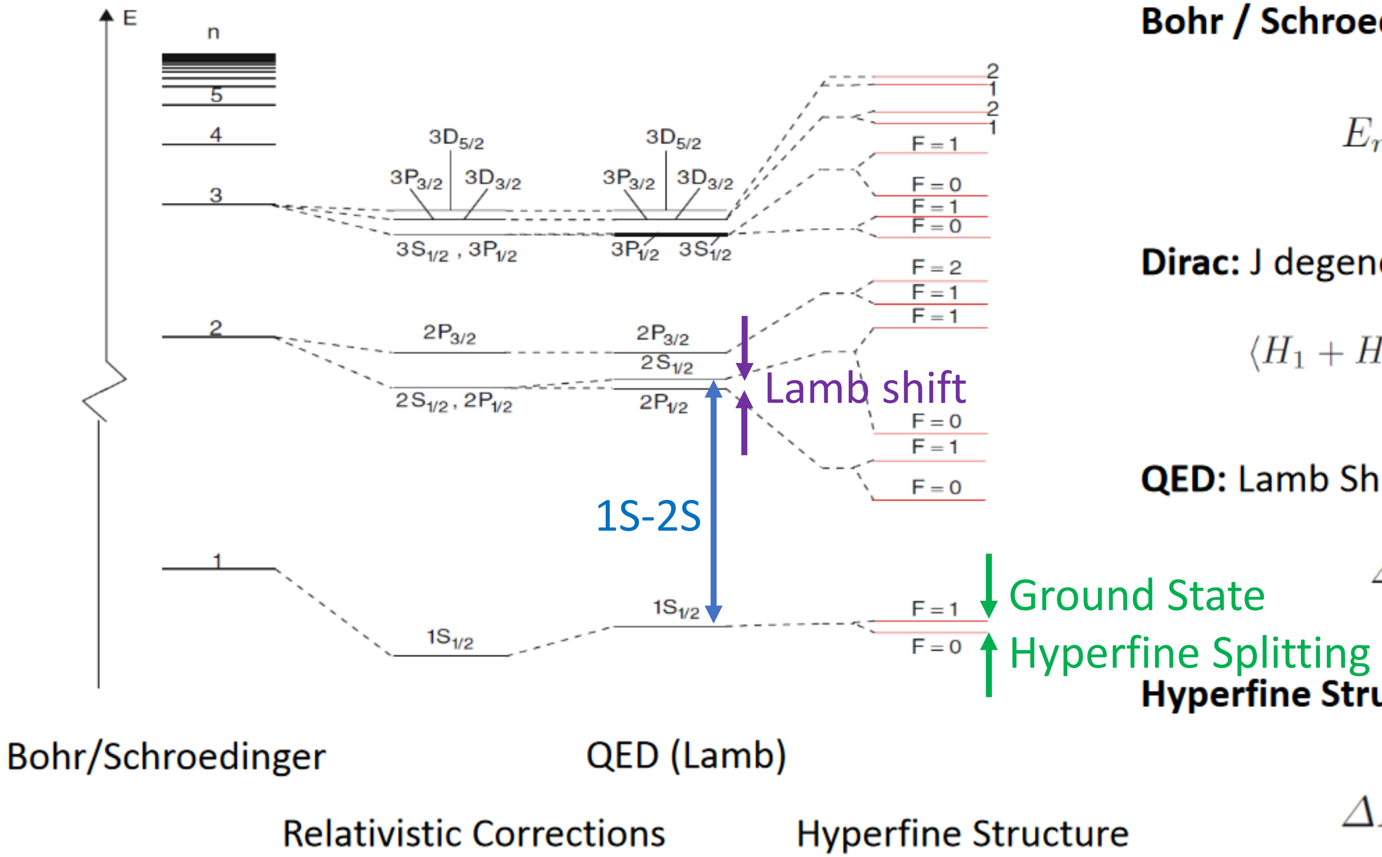




Antihydrogen magnetically trapped

M. Ahmadi, Nature Communications **8** (2017)

(anti)hydrogen



Bohr / Schroedinger: L degeneracy

$$E_n = -\frac{mZ^2e_0^4}{2\hbar^2 n^2} = -\frac{(Ze_0)^2}{2an^2} = -\frac{mc^2}{2}\alpha^2\frac{Z^2}{n^2}$$

Dirac: J degeneracy

$$\langle H_1 + H_2 \rangle_{n,j=l\pm 1/2,l} = \frac{mc^2(Z\alpha)^2}{2n^2}\frac{(Z\alpha)^2}{n^2}\left\{\frac{3}{4} - \frac{n}{j+1/2}\right\}$$

QED: Lamb Shift

$$\Delta E_{\mathrm{Lamb}} \approx \frac{4}{3\pi}\frac{mc^2Z^4\alpha^5}{n^3}\log\frac{1}{\alpha Z}\delta_{l,0}$$

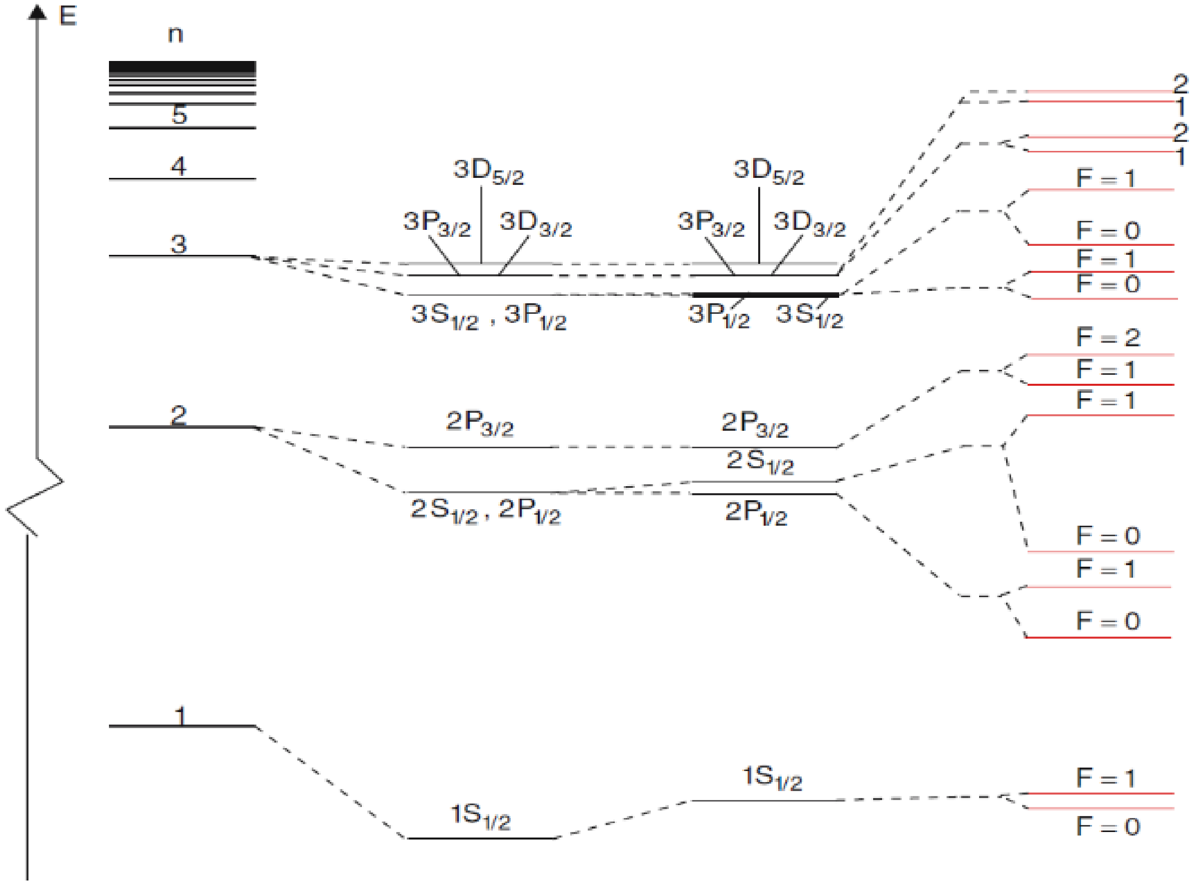
Hyperfine Structure:

$$\Delta E^{\mathrm{Hyp}}_{n,1/2,0} = \frac{4}{3}g_{\mathrm{K}}\frac{m}{M_{\mathrm{K}}}(Z\alpha)^4\frac{mc^2}{n^3}\frac{(2I+1)}{2}$$

Analytically calculable energy levels, high precision hydrogen measurements (4.5 ppt for 1S-2S) to compare to antihydrogen

C. G. Parthey, et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 107, 203001 (2011)

Think like a precision measurer



What properties to we want in a transition?

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What do we want to control about the atom?

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What do we want to control about the environment?

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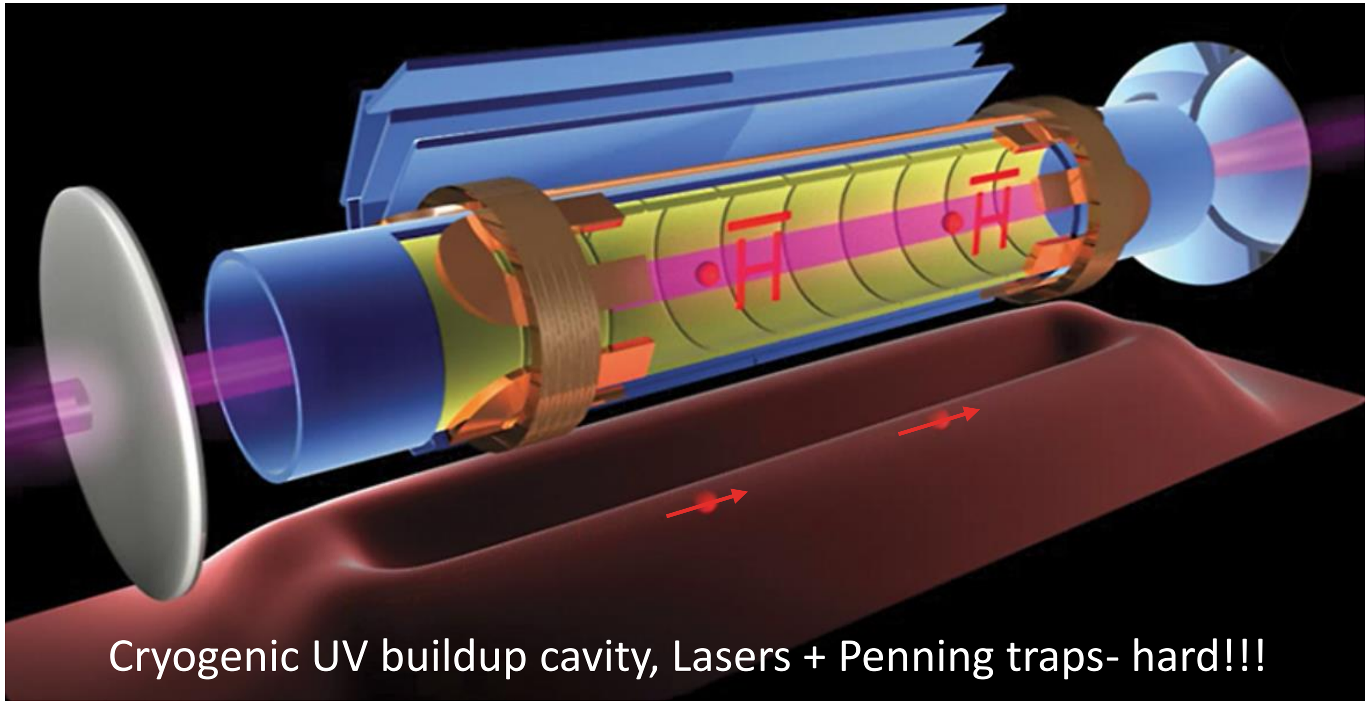
Laser spectroscopy of Antihydrogen 1S-2S



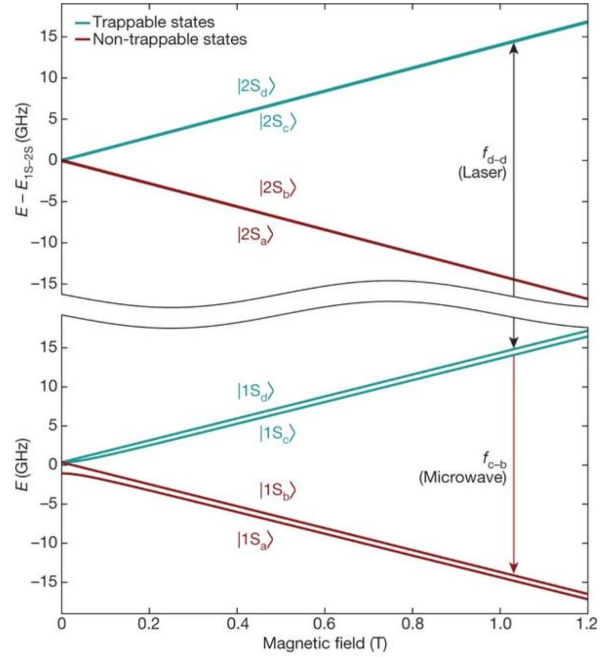
Cryogenic UV buildup cavity, Lasers + Penning traps- hard!!!

ALPHA collaboration

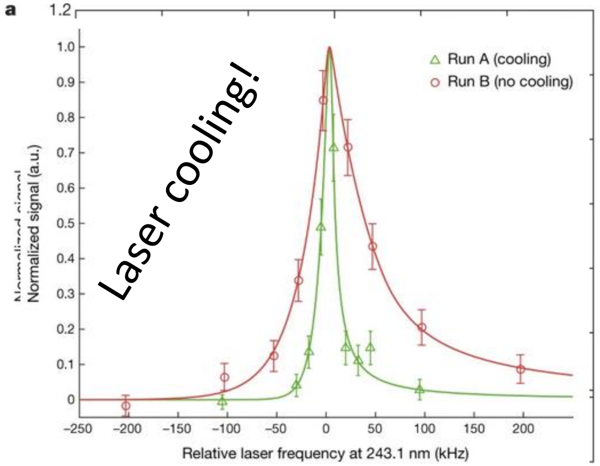
60 hr antihydrogen storage

$f_{d-d} = 2,466,061,103,079.4(5.4)$ kHz (measured)
$f_{d-d} = 2,466,061,103,080.3(0.6)$ kHz (predicted)

2 ppt



2 photons at 243 nm cancels Doppler shift



Laser cooling!

M. Ahmadi, Nature **557**, 71-75 (2018) C. J Baker, Nature **592**, 35–42 (2021)

RF spectroscopy hyperfine splitting

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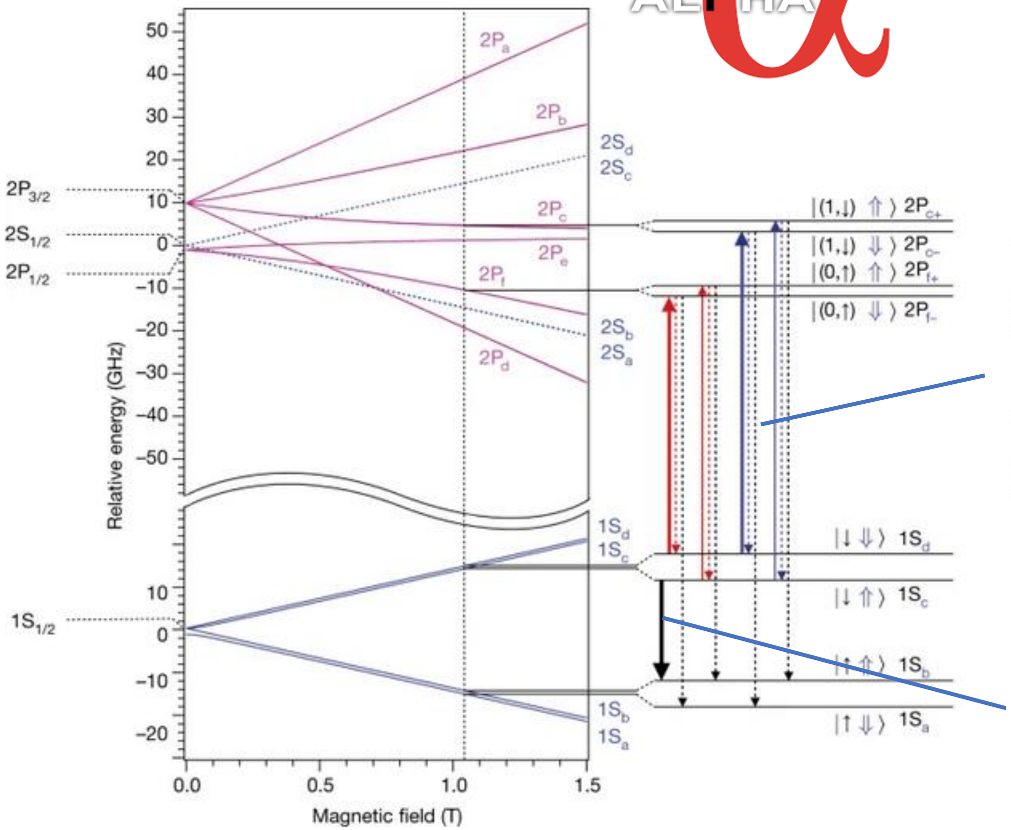

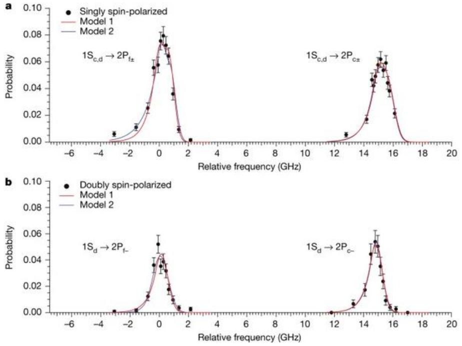

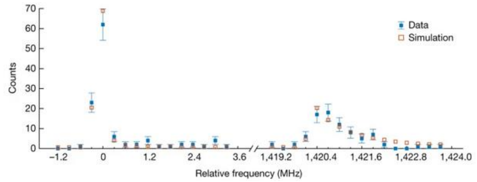

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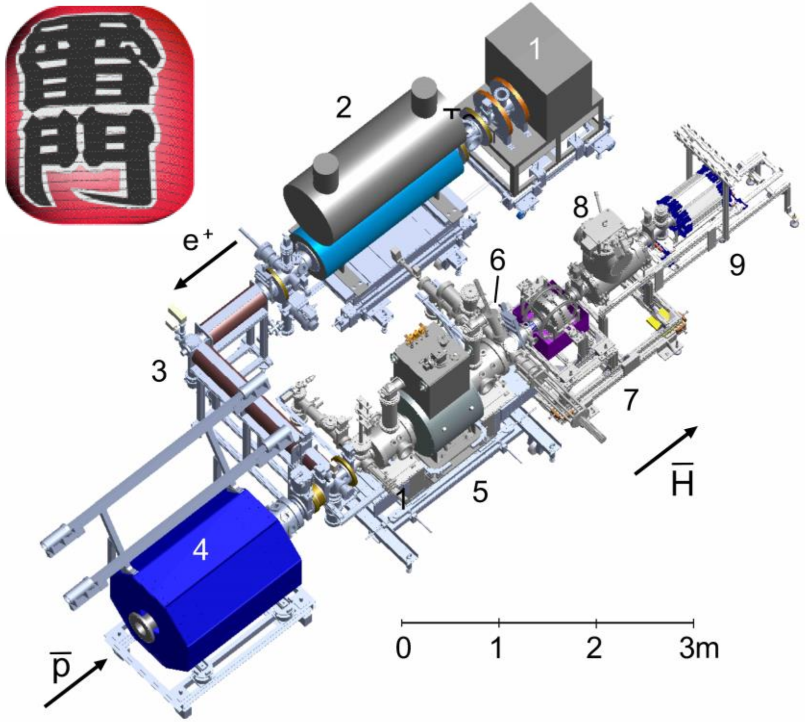

$$\Delta\nu = 1420405748.4(3.4)(1.6)\ \text{Hz}$$

- 2.7 ppb in Hydrogen

Lamb shift $2S_{1/2} - 2P_{1/2}$ $\overline{H}$ 0.99 ± 0.11 GHz, H 0.9098717(32) GHz
Ground state splitting: $\overline{H}$ 1,420.4 ± 0.5 MHz, H 1 420 405.751 766 7(9)

M. Ahmadi, Nature **548**, 66-69 (2017)
M. Ahmadi, Nature **578**, 375–380 (2020)
ASACUSA Collaboration. Report No. SPSC-P-307 Add. 1 CERN-SPSC-2005-002 (2005)
N. Ramsey, Hyp. Interactions **81** (1993)

Antiprotonic helium

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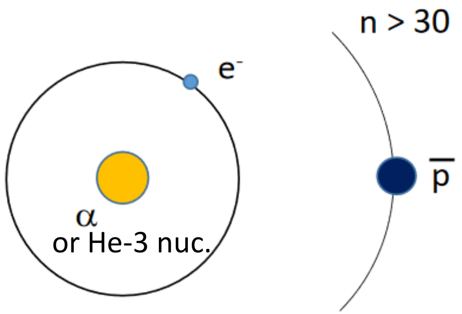
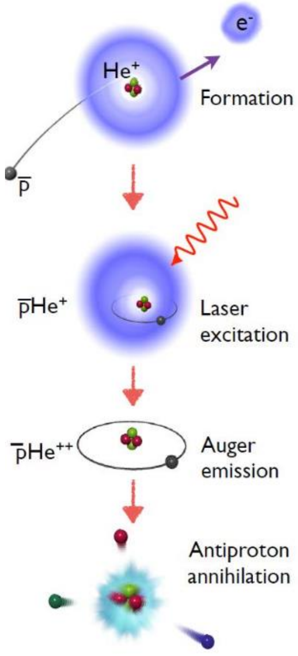
Antiprotonic Helium

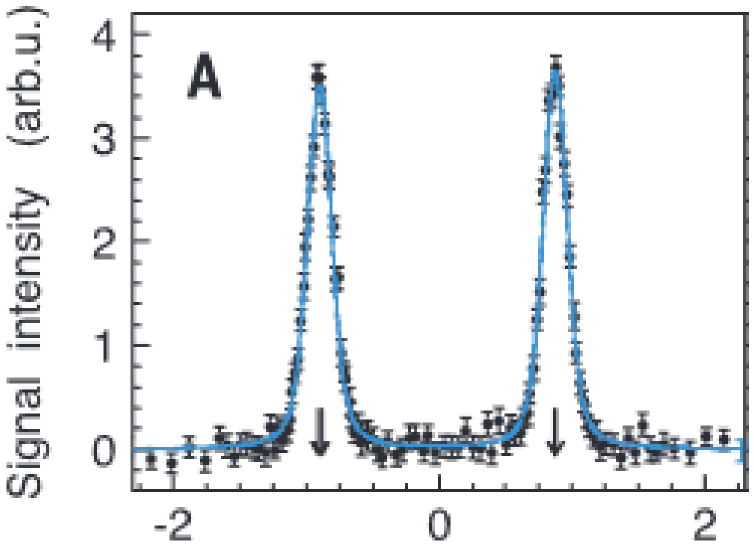


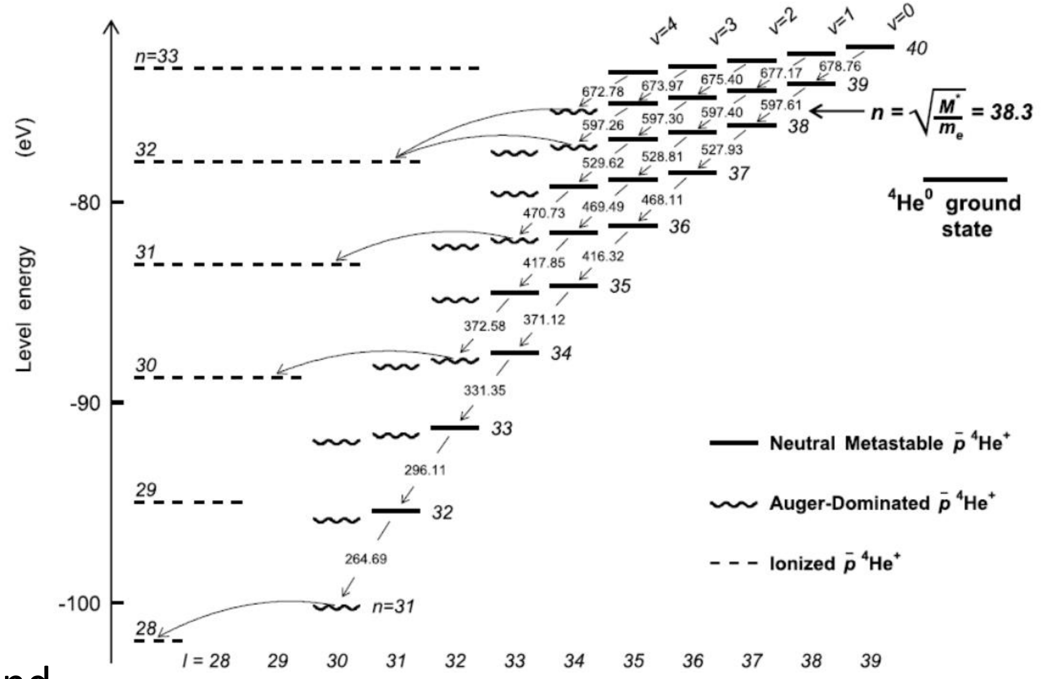
$$E_n = -hcR\frac{Z^2}{n^2} \qquad R = R_\infty \frac{m_{\bar{p}}}{m_e} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{m_{\bar{p}}}{m_e} + 1\right)}$$

Measure energy levels, determine $\frac{m_{\bar{p}}}{m_e}$

Ground state lifetime: 100 ns
Lifetime n~38 ~1-2 us or ~ns





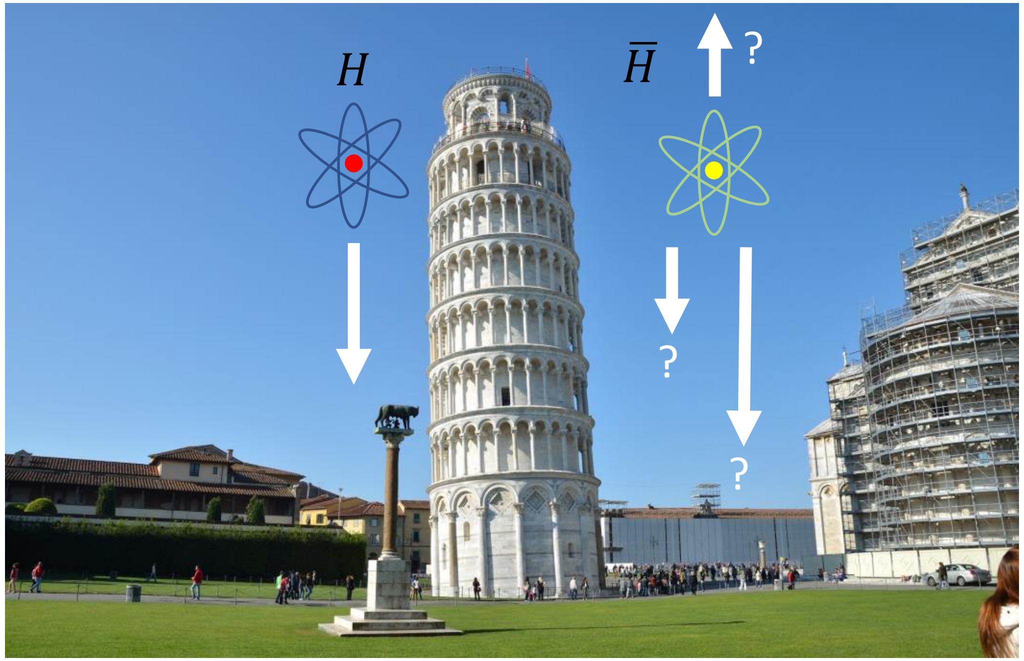


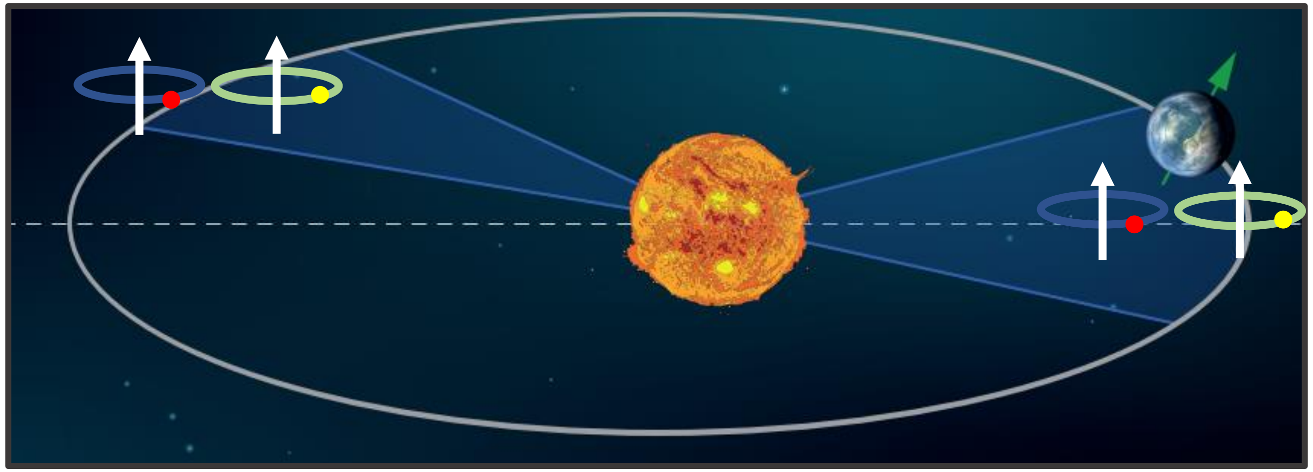
Laser resonance leads to electron ejection and rapid $\bar{p}\mathrm{He}^{2+}$ decay emitting pions, detected via Cherenkov detectors

M. Hori et al., Science 354, 610 (2016)

Effect of gravity on antihydrogen

Types of measurement



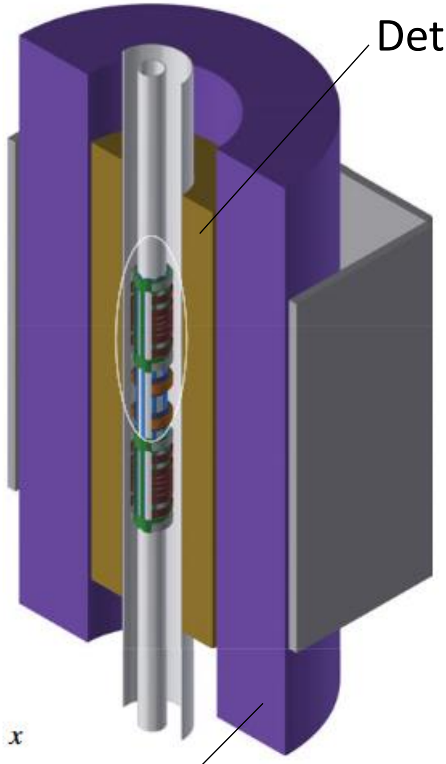


Freefall

Clock comparison

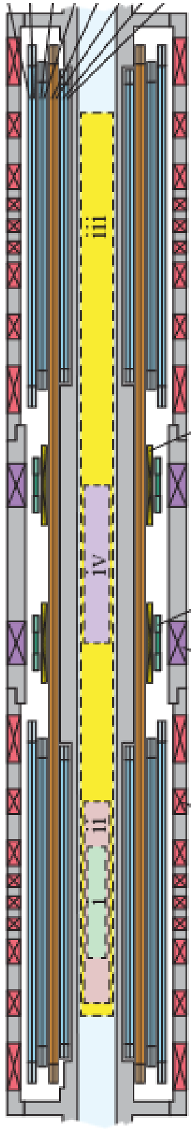
High precision needed- If proton is any guide, antiquark masses only ~1% of the antiproton

ALPHA-g



Detector

Outer solenoid



Mirror copy

Precision region

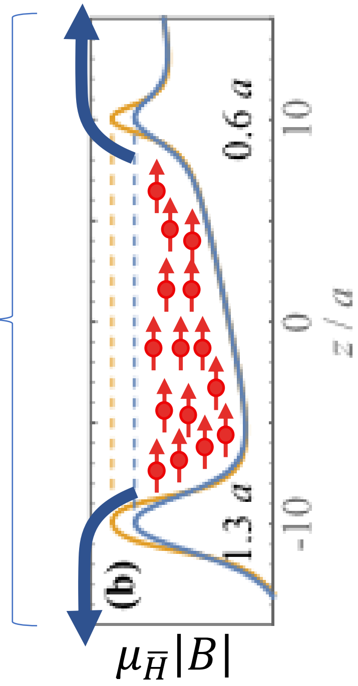
Strong trapping region

Mirror copy of lower region to keep fields symmetric

Region optimized for gravity measurement

Region optimized for $\bar{H}$

$$V = \mu_{\bar{H}}|B| - m_{\bar{H}}gh$$



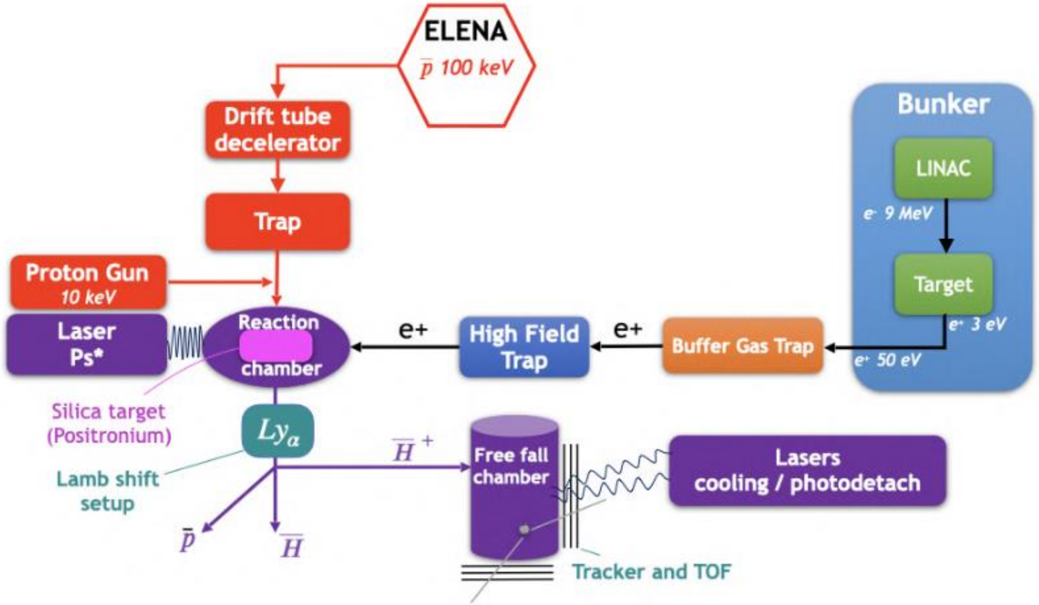
Slowly ramp magnetic fields until equal numbers escape up and down, Infer $m_{\bar{H}}$

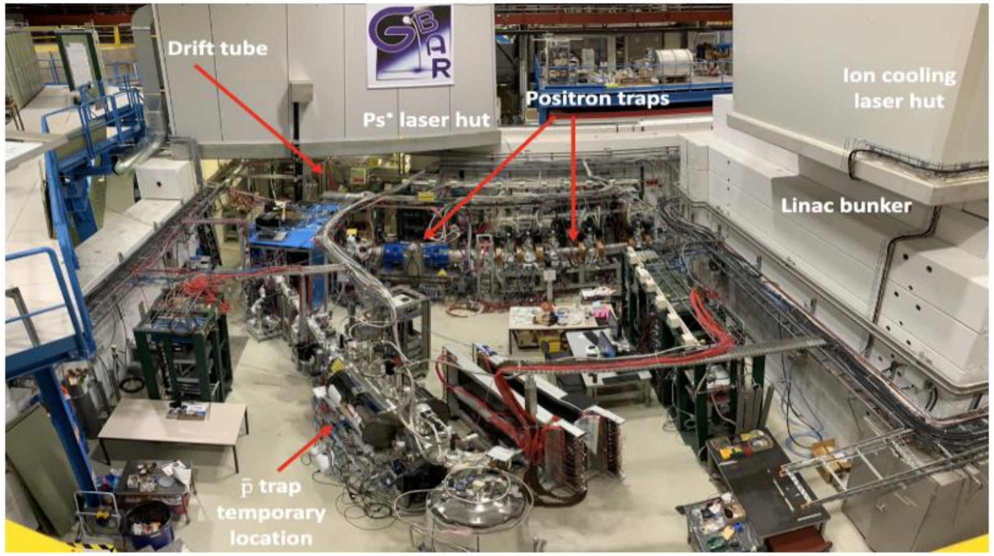
Colder the better!
Initially <0.54 mK
With laser cooling
Initially <0.05 mK

Target 5-1% measurement on $m_{\bar{H}}$

W. A. Bertsche, Phil. Trans. R. Soc. A **376** (2018)
C. So et al., IEEE Trans. Appl. Super. **30** 4 (2020)

GBAR





1. Make $\overline{H}^+$ by reacting $\overline{H}$ +e^+
2. Sympathetically laser cool $\overline{H}^+$ with Be^+ to 20 μK
3. Photoionise $\overline{H}^+$ to $\overline{H}$
4. Drop and measure effect of gravity

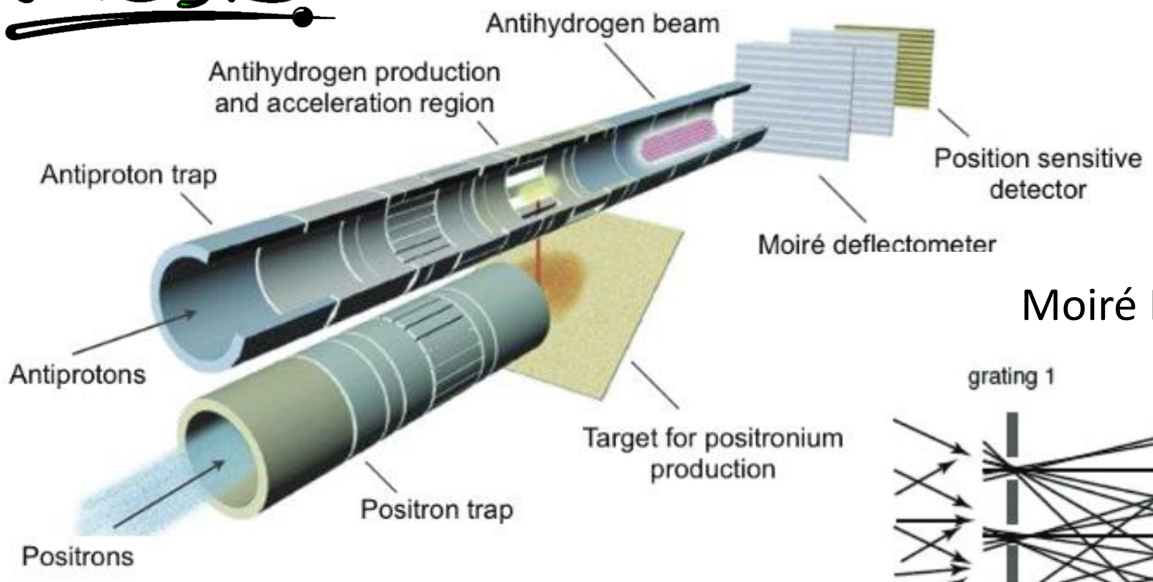
Initial goal 1%, final goal 0.1% with quantum measurement

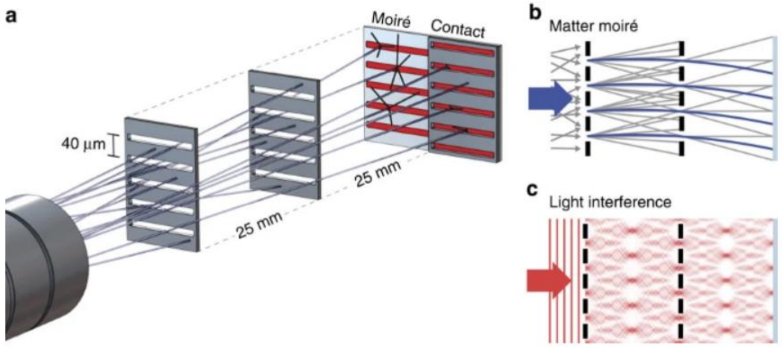
Also, long term possibility to produce $\overline{H}_2^+$ molecules and do antimolecular spectroscopy!

D. P. van der Werf, Antimatter and Gravity (WAG 2013) **30** (2014)
GBAR status report CERN-SPSC-2022-003 / SPSC-SR-302 (2022)
arXiv:2306.15801 [hep-ex]

AEgIS

Use beam of $\overline{H}$ for gravity measurement

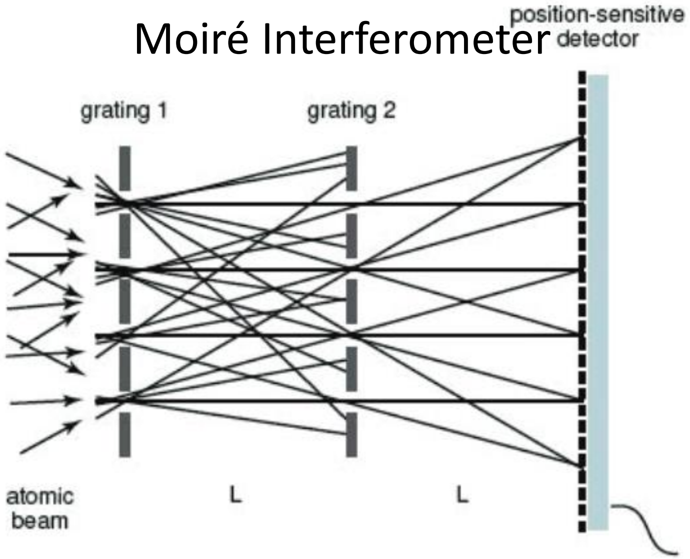


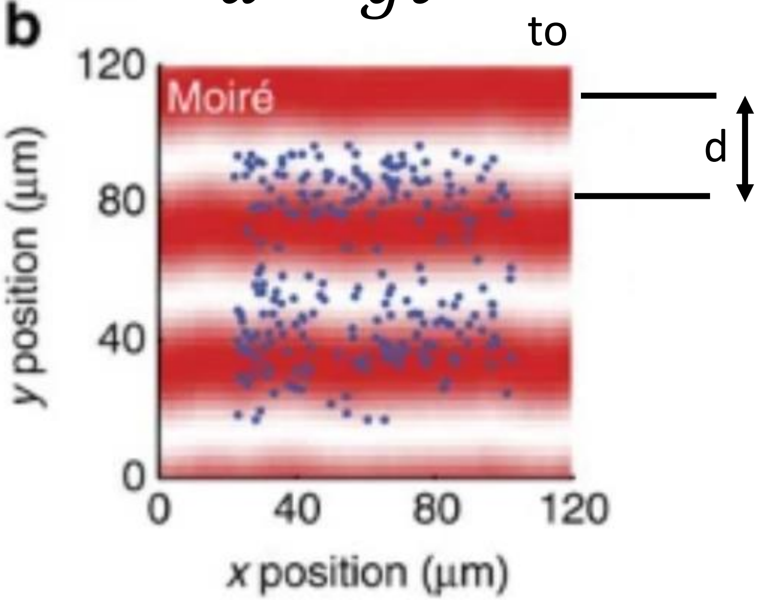


Fringe shift proportional to

$$d = gt^2$$

Moiré Interferometer





First used to measure force on antiprotons
530±50 aN (stat.)±350 aN (syst.) in 2014
Next antihydrogen

100 mK required, 1% accuracy sought

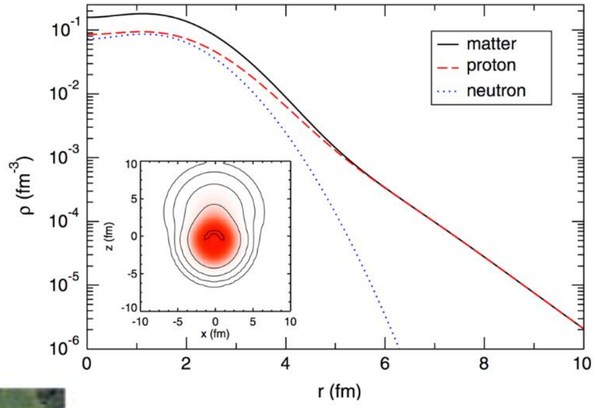
S. Aghion et al., *Nature Communications* **5** 4538 (2014)
P. Scampoli et al., Modern Physics Letters A **29** 17 (2014)
A. Kellerbauer et al., NIM B 226 **3** (2008)

Taking antimatter out of the lab

PUMA

Take 10^9 antiprotons from the antimatter factory to ISOLDE

Some nuclei at the limits of N>Z have a neutron halo a where one or more neutrons are found far outside the nucleus.
Other’s have neutron skins, where the density of neutrons is larger than protons at the nuclear surface – antiproton annihilation study these effects



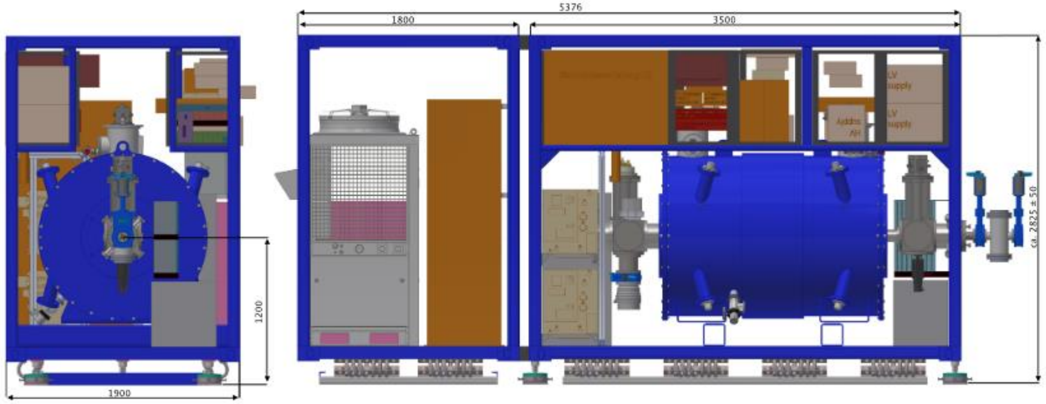
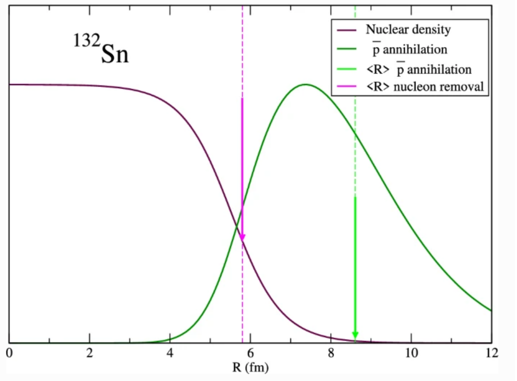
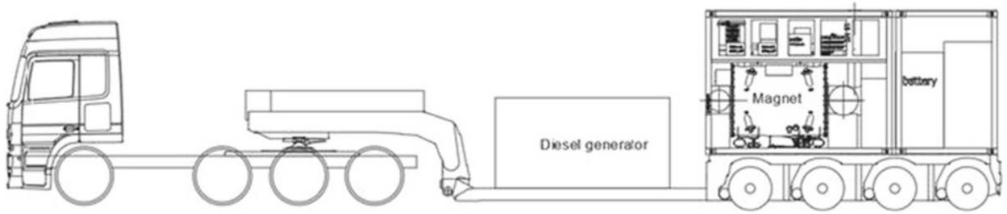


Fig. 6

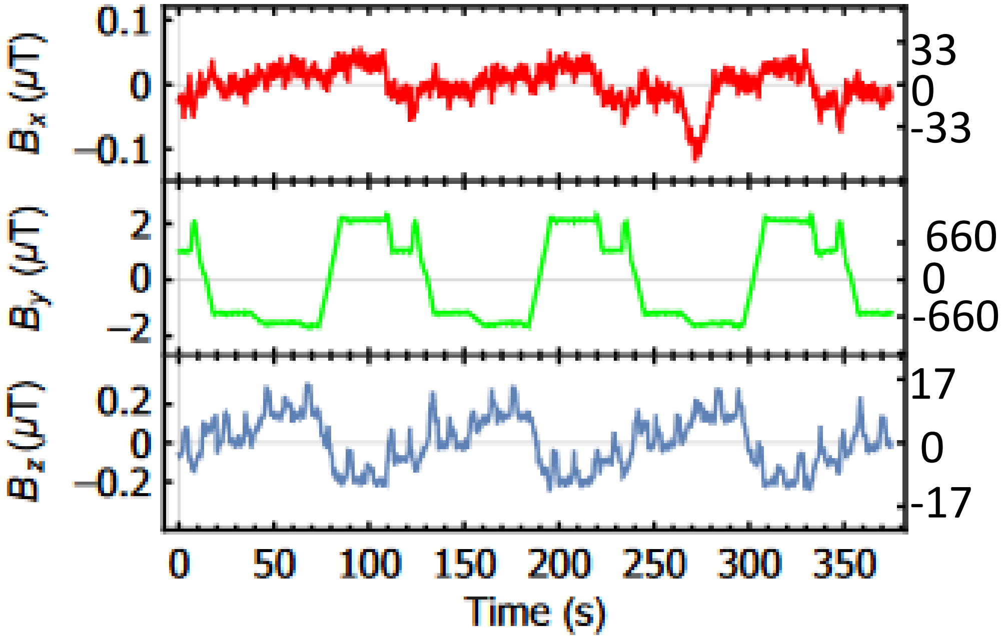




T. Aumann et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 58:88 (2022)

BASE-STEP

BASE trying to measure frequencies to parts-per-trillion level

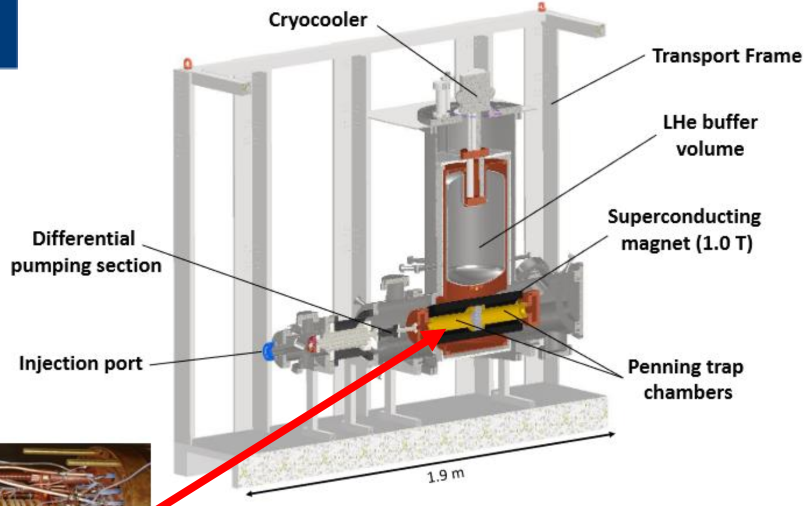


Fractional magnetic field fluctuations (ppb)

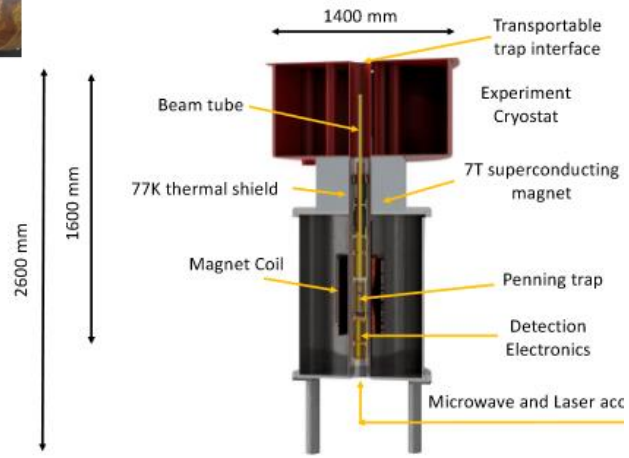
Magnetic field fluctuating in the background up to one million times more strongly

Hard to push the limits in this environment

Take the antimatter somewhere quiet



Inject into a separate magnet in a quiet lab



arXiv:2304.09555 [physics.ins-det]

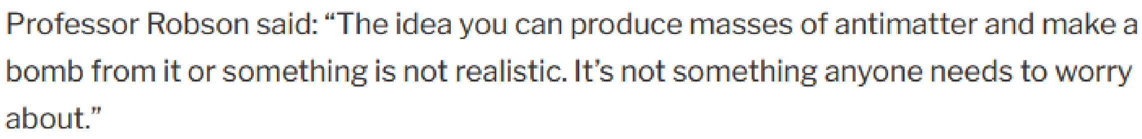
Should we be worried?

EXPRESS

Antimatter bombs: Could antimatter weaponry wipe out all life on Earth? Expert weighs in

Wed 21 Jul 2021

NO!

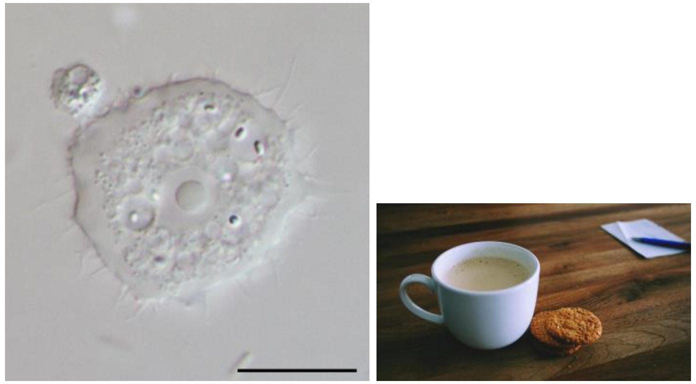


Professor Robson said: “The idea you can produce masses of antimatter and make a bomb from it or something is not realistic. It’s not something anyone needs to worry about.”

One billion antiprotons annihilating

$$E = mc^2 = (2 \times 1 \times 10^9 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-27})c^2 = 1\ \text{nJ}$$

1nJ can heat 3 picogram of water from 20->100 °C



About enough to make an espresso for an amoeba

(2015). "An update on *Acanthamoeba* keratitis: diagnosis, pathogenesis and treatment". *Parasite* **22**: 10.

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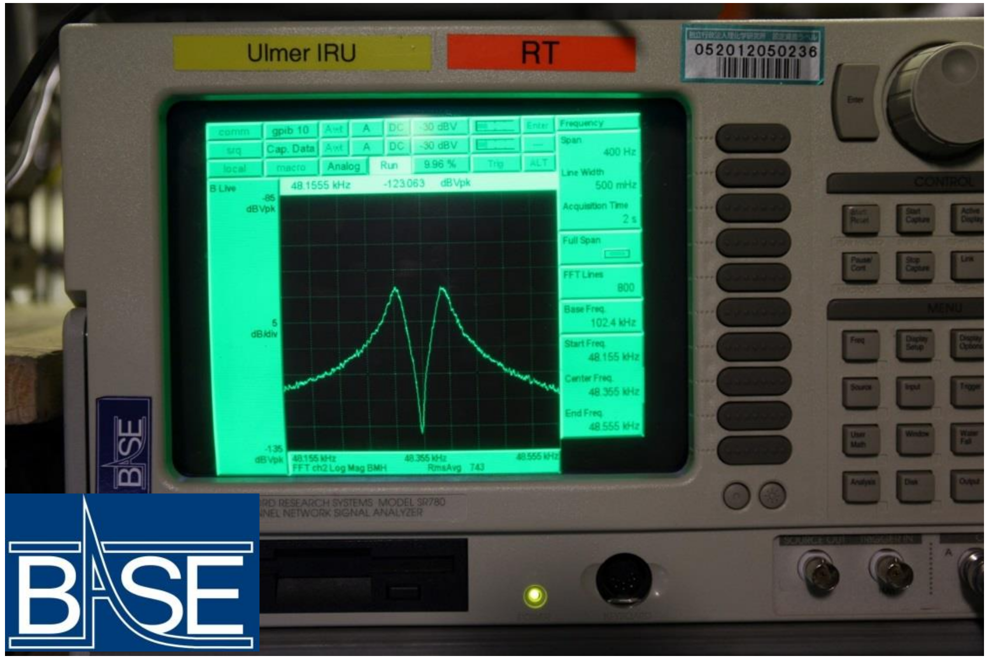
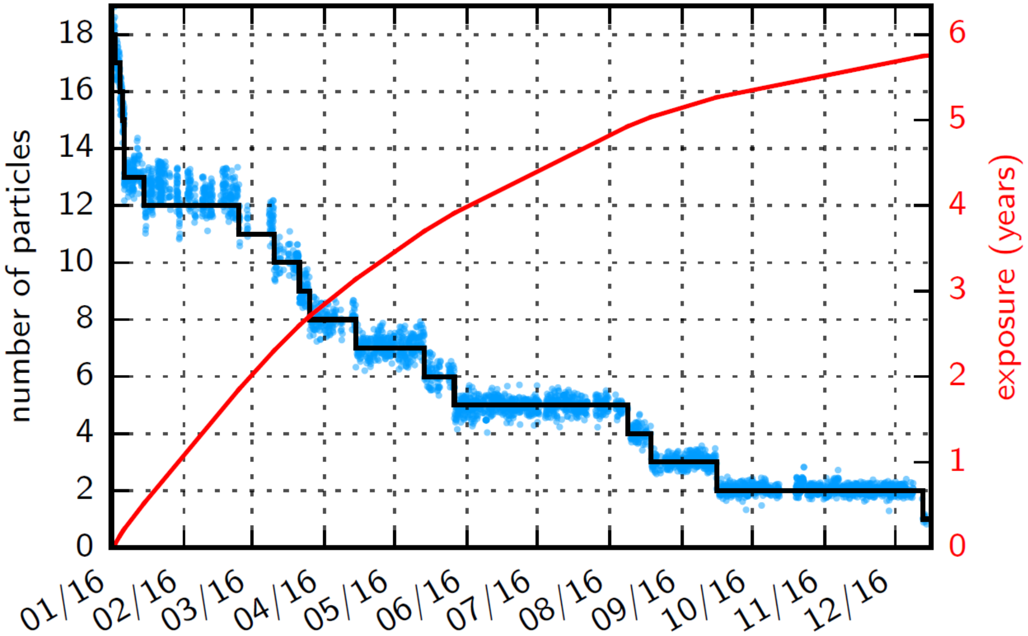
Storing antiprotons

BASE holds record for antiprotons stored from 03.11.2015 – 22.12.2016





- Storage of antiprotons for more than one year: **405.5 days**
- Extraction of single particles by a potential tweezer scheme

Inversion of the baryon asymmetry:

Antibaryon density: ~ $10^8/\text{cm}^3$ $V < (50\ \mu\text{m})^3$
Baryon density: ~ $1\ /\ \text{cm}^3$ $p < 10^{-16}$ Pa

C. Smorra et al., Int. J. Mass Spectr. **389**, 10 (2015).
S. Sellner et al., New J. Phys. 19, 083023 (2017).