# **GBAR 2016 STATUS REPORT**

#### **Gravitational Behaviour of Antihydrogen at Rest**

An experiment to test the Weak Equivalence Principle with antimatter , using antihydrogen ions  $\overline{H}^{\ +}$ 

$$\overline{p}$$
 + Ps  $\rightarrow \overline{H}$  + e<sup>-</sup>  
 $\overline{H}$  + Ps  $\rightarrow \overline{H}^+$  + e<sup>-</sup>

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#### **GBAR** synoptic view





## Overview of 2015 progresses

- Linac /Bunker/Cern installation
- Positron source/beam line /interaction chamber
  - Antiproton deceleration
    - Antihydrogen cooling
      - Free fall detector



#### **GBAR** synoptic view





#### **GBAR** Linac

- 9+ MeV/0.2 mA e<sup>-</sup> linac building in progress at NCBJ
- Vertical position (radiation protection)
- Installation: May-June 2016







### Linac bunker

- Linac shielding : many different versions (nearly final, now ~1400 t)
  - Will use LEP magnet yokes (cost & availability)
  - Yoke refurbishing started; installation early 2016; careful control of AD level...



#### Linac bunker



# Positron source/beam line

- A new positron source design will be implemented soon at Saclay facility as a prototype for the Cern installation.
- The GBAR beam line design is completed, tenders are in preparation.



Design of the new Saclay source



CERN current implementation of the positron source and beam line

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#### e<sup>+</sup> moderation, Ps study

- Study with the Saclay positron beam line: qualification of a SiC layer for remoderation.
  - Remoderation efficiency up to  $\sim$  70 % (Usual W remoderation  $\sim$  10 %)
  - Commercialy available layer
  - New perspectives for improving e<sup>+</sup> beam
- Continue study of different e<sup>+</sup>/positronium converters: improve Ps yield, reduce Ps emission energy...





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# **Positron trapping**

- Electron cooling & trapping efficiency should be ~ 75% but not yet achieved
  - Work was going on : calculation of cooling time, alignment of e<sup>+</sup> beam on e<sup>-</sup> plasma, HV instabilities...
    Delayed for exchange of the MRT SC magnet cryocooling head (No more maintenance for old head).
- **Buffer gas** cooling (N<sub>2</sub> or SF<sub>6</sub>) is routinely reaching 25% : GBAR decision to add such a trap as injector to high field trap  $\rightarrow$  guarantee minimal efficiency ~ 25%

#### A new BGT will be constructed and tested at Saclay in 2016

(Parts ordered , delivery well advanced)





#### GBAR synoptic view





# $p/\overline{p}$ decelerator

- GBAR needs  $\overline{p}$  at 1-6 keV: Development of an electrostatic decelerator.
  - $\rightarrow$  Test Bench in CSNSM (Orsay) with protons







→Switch tested OK at 20 kV; now conditioning for 100 kV

 Proton gun to be installed at Saclay, later at CERN, for H/H<sup>-</sup> production study





# $p/\overline{p}$ – Ps interaction

Cross section measurements

Preparation of the interaction chamber for the first measurement at Saclay:

 $p + Ps^* \rightarrow H^* + e^+$ 

The chamber will be used later on at CERN for H-production measurement, before switching to  $\overline{p}$ 

• Positron extraction optics:

Need strong focussing on the Ps converter: magnetic shield, Einzel lenses



Parts delivery in progress, assembly started, measurement 2<sup>nd</sup> half 2016



#### **Electrostatic deflector**

keV H Fel Hx KeV P



• Built and presently tested in Orsay.

- To be used for the H production measurement in Saclay, then at Cern



#### **GBAR** synantic view





# Antihydrogen cooling

#### Capture Trap (LKB)

- Detailed simulations of sympathetic cooling with laser cooled Be<sup>+</sup> are developed for different elements. Ion energy is crucial. Tests with H<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> are planned.
- The capture Paul trap (first stage of cooling) is being assembled, together with the cooling laser (626 nm DBR master diode → 313 nm)





#### Integration design of the capture trap



# Antihydrogen cooling

#### Precision Trap (JGU)

- Study of interference in the light scattered from trapped <sup>40</sup>Ca<sup>+</sup> ion crystals
  - Measure of the interference visibility → ion temperature measurement (to be known at the photo detachment)
  - Paper submitted to PRL (ArXiv.1511.08697)
- Ion trap fabrication
  - Improve trap gold coating technique, to reduce parasitic heating (by factor 1000)
  - New trap chips designed and fabricated → improve heating rate
- Loading scheme for Be<sup>+</sup>
  - Tested with different wavelength, 350 and 260 nm
  - New proton source to test the injection, capture and cooling of light ions in Be<sup>+</sup> crystals.
- Lasers
  - Cooling lasers for Be<sup>+</sup> at 313 nm are ready (one master, one slave, resonance frequency doubler)
  - Set-up second master for line width measurement



Contrast is temperature dependent



## Free fall detector

#### • Prototype built and tested in 2015

- 3 microstrip Micromegas chamber detectors (MMD), 8x8 cm<sup>2</sup>, with X-Y readout, built at CERN
- Using the RD51 electronic readout developed at CERN
- Tested with CR and CERN beams
- Design to be finalized for the GBAR detector







### Free fall detector

#### **GBAR** final detector

- Present global design
  - 5 planes of 3MMD, 50x50 cm<sup>2</sup>, with X-Y readout
  - Spatial vertex resolution ~ 1.5 mm
  - CR background being studied
- First 3 modules to be built soon
  - With prototype experience
  - 15 modules ready for summer 2017
- Scintillator coverage to be designed
  - Contribution from Korean groups.





#### Overview of 2015

- The GBAR collaboration got new forces
  - 2 Korean groups
  - New technical coordinator
- All subparts of the experiment are now covered

#### GBAR starts installation at CERN in 2016:

- Linac bunker (Jan.-Apr.)
- Linac installation and commissioning (June)
- Installation of the e+ beam line (Sept.)
- ❑ Start installation of the decelerator → aims to be in phase with ELENA commissioning



#### **THANK YOU**

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#### GBAR Planning...

Task	Institut; leader		2016											2017											
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e+ production			<u> </u>									•											•		
Linac Bunker	Cern-EN; F. Butin																								
Linac	NCBJ; S. Wronka																								
e+ source & beam line	Saclay; L.Liszkay																								
e+ trapping																									
e+ Buffer Gas Trap	Swansea/Saclay; D.v	; D.van der Werf																							
e+ accumulator trap	Saclay; Y. Sacquin																								
Ps																									
Ps target	Saclay; L.Liszkay																								
Ps excitation	LKB; F. Nez																								
Pbar deceleration																									
decelerator final	CSNSM; D. Lunney																								
Hbar+ transport	CSNSM; D. Lunney																								
Hbar+ cooling																									
capture trap	LKB; L. Hilico																								
precision trap + chamber	JGU; F. Schmidt-Kale	er																							
photodetachment	LKB; L.Hilico																								
Detector																	-								
Scintillators	SNU; S.K. Kim																								
Tracker	ETHZ; P. Crivelli																								
Slow control & DAQ																									
Slow Control	Saclay; P. Lotrus																								
DAQ	Saclay; B. Vallage																								

installation

commissionning