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A powerful and adaptable tool for performing experiments with positrons and positronium, is a positron trap. Positrons can be confined by using magnetic and electric fields combined with Nitrogen and CH₄ buffer-gas. Such a device can produce $\sim 10^5$ e⁺/s in bunches with a diameter of 1-2 mm and an energy spread of approximately 50 meV.

Such a trap is under construction at SMI and will be used in order to perform the first precise measurement of the binding energy of molecules containing positronium, such as PsH and PsO.

This poster will describe the progress on the development and construction of the positron trap at SMI.

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